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1 [NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,
2 TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2003, BEGINS ON PAGE 203.]

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4 There was no reportable action as a result of today's closed
5 session.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE INVOCATION WILL BE LED BY DR. CHARLES
10 ARA, RETIRED CATHOLIC PRIEST FROM CERRITOS FROM THE FOURTH
11 DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY JERRY KING,
12 SENIOR VICE COMMANDER, FRIENDSHIP POST NUMBER 617, JEWISH WAR
13 VETERANS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. MAY I ASK THE PEOPLE
14 WHO ARE IN THE REAR TO GET BY THEIR SEATS AS WE HEAR THE
15 INVOCATION. WOULD YOU PLEASE STAND FOR THE INVOCATION?

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17 **DR. CHARLES ARA:** LADIES AND GENTLEMEN IT IS MY PLEASURE TO
18 GIVE THE INVOCATION THIS MORNING, FORTY YEARS AGO I STOOD AT
19 THE SAME PODIUM TO LEAD THE INVOCATION, SO IT'S MY PLEASURE TO
20 BE HERE AND I'M VERY GRATEFUL OF SUPERVISOR KNABE FOR INVITING
21 ME. SO LET US ALL BOW OUR HEADS AND PRAY FOR PEACE. WE PRAY
22 THAT ALL CHILDREN, TEENAGERS AND FAMILIES IN LOS ANGELES
23 COUNTY MAY LIVE IN PEACE. THAT IS THIS HALL IS FILLED WITH
24 LOVE AND FREE FROM BRUTALITY AND ABUSE. WE PRAY THAT OUR
25 STUDENTS OF WHATEVER AGE MAY GO TO SCHOOL IN PEACE; THAT IS,



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1 FREE FROM VIOLENCE AND FEAR. WE PRAY THAT COUPLES MAY LOVE AND
2 LIVE IN PEACE; THAT IS, IN MARRIAGES AND IN RELATIONSHIPS THAT
3 ARE FREE FROM CRUELTY AND ANY FORM OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. WE
4 PRAY THAT MEN AND WOMEN MAY GO TO WORK IN PEACE; THAT IS, WITH
5 NO FEARS OF TERROR OR BLOODSHED. WE PRAY THAT WE MAY TRAVEL IN
6 PEACE; THAT IS, BE SAFE IN THE AIR, ON THE SEAS, AND ALONG
7 WHATEVER ROAD WE TAKE. NOW WE PRAY THAT NATIONS MAY DWELL
8 TOGETHER IN PEACE, JUSTICE, AND HARMONY; THAT IS, WITHOUT THE
9 THREAT OF WAR HOVERING OVER THEM. AND WE KNOW, O GOD, THAT WAR
10 IS THE ENEMY AND NOT PEOPLE. AND SO AS WE REFLECT ON THE GREAT
11 DIVERSITY AND CULTURAL RICHNESS OF THE PEOPLES OF LOS ANGELES
12 COUNTY, WE PRAY THAT ALL PEOPLES OF ALL RACES AND ALL FAITHS
13 IN ALL COUNTRIES ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL LEARN TO BELIEVE THAT
14 THE PEACE THAT OFTEN SEEMS SO FAR OFF IS, IN FACT, WITHIN OUR
15 REACH. AND FINALLY, WE PRAY FOR OUR DEDICATED SUPERVISORS. MAY
16 THEY CONTINUE TO BE MOTIVATED BY THOSE WORDS FOUND IN SACRED
17 WRITINGS, BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO
18 HUNGER AND THIRST FOR JUSTICE. AND AS WE PRAY THIS, I INVITE
19 EVERYONE TO ANSWER "AMEN."

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21 **ALL:** AMEN.

22

23 **JERRY KING:** PLACE YOUR HANDS, PLEASE, OVER YOUR RIGHT -- OVER
24 YOUR HEART AND FOLLOW ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE
25 FLAG. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YES, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, LADIES AND
5 GENTLEMEN, IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF
6 RECOGNITION OF APPRECIATION TO DR. ARA. CHARLIE IS A LONG-TIME
7 FRIEND AND IT'S PLEASURE TO HAVE HIM HERE TODAY AND AS WAS
8 MENTIONED, HE HAS BEEN A CERRITOS COUNTY -- A RESIDENT OF
9 CERRITOS FOR OVER 30 YEARS, AND FORTY YEARS AGO RIGHT HERE
10 WITH ERNIE DADS, KENNY HAHN, WARREN DORN, BURTON CHASE, AND
11 FRANK BONELLI, HE LED THIS COUNTY IN AN INVOCATION AS WELL. SO
12 WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE HIM. IF WE COULD HAVE SOME ATTENTION
13 OVER HERE ON THE SIDE PLEASE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO ASK FOR QUIET.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY? THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AT THE
18 TIME THAT CHARLIE LED THE INVOCATION AND HE WAS ASSISTANT
19 PASTOR OF SAINT FINBAR S CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BURBANK. HE'S NOW
20 RETIRED FROM THE CHURCH AND IS A MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
21 COUNSELOR. AND SOME OF YOU MAY HAVE SEEN HIM IN "PEOPLE"
22 MAGAZINE OTHER, HE ALSO MARRIED HUGH HEFFNER, HIS MOST RECENT
23 MARRIAGE, SO CHARLIE'S GOT A LOT OF CLAIM, SO I HAVE THIS
24 CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION, BUT ONE THING CHARLIE DOESN'T
25 KNOW, ONE THING CHARLIE DOESN'T KNOW IS THAT HE GAVE ME A COPY



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1 OF THE PRAYER THAT HE GAVE US 40 YEARS AGO HERE IN LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY. WE'VE HAD THAT PUT ON A PLAQUE FOR YOU IN RECOGNITION
3 OF JULY 23RD, 1963. SO WELCOME AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH,
4 CHARLIE. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL MADAM CHAIR, CHARLIE, IF YOU'RE GOING
9 TO KEEP MARRYING HUGH HEFFNER, IT LL BE A FULL EMPLOYMENT ACT
10 IT'S -- MADAM CHAIR, WE WERE LED IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
11 THIS MORNING BY JERRY KING, THE LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF -- I
12 THINK IT'S ACTUALLY YOUR DISTRICT, MADAM CHAIR, THE 1600 BLOCK
13 OF DURANGO, BUT I WALKED THAT PRECINCT WHEN I FIRST RAN FOR
14 THE CITY COUNCIL, I REMEMBER IT WELL, AND I PROBABLY WALKED TO
15 YOUR HOUSE. AND JERRY IS A VETERAN OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY
16 AIR CORPS, SERVED IN THE -- IN WORLD WAR TWO, FROM 1942
17 THROUGH '45 IN SICILY, THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN, FRANCE, GERMANY,
18 NORTH AFRICA. HE'S RECEIVED THE GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, EUROPEAN
19 AFRICAN MIDEAST CAMPAIGN MEDAL WITH THREE STARS, THE WORLD WAR
20 TWO VICTORY MEDAL, THE MEDAL OF OCCUPATION FOR GERMANY,
21 NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S THE OWNER OF CURTIS KING
22 HOME PRODUCTS, MARRIED WITH FOUR CHILDREN, AND HAS LIVED IN
23 THIS PART OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY FOR 56 YEARS, A GRADUATE OF
24 ST. JOHN'S UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK, AND WE HONOR YOU, JERRY,



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1 AND THANK YOU FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE AND THANK YOU FOR
2 YOUR GREAT SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. WE'LL NOW HAVE THE AGENDA.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD. WE'LL BEGIN ON PAGE 6. AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE
8 HOUSING AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEMS 1 THROUGH 14.
14 ON ITEM NUMBER 2, FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR BURKE AND
15 SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY VOTES "NO." SO
16 THE ITEM FAILS. ON ITEM NUMBER 10, ON SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
17 PORTION RELATING TO AB-1395, HE'S REQUESTING THAT THAT BE
18 REFERRED BACK TO HIS OFFICE. ON THE AMENDMENT PORTION OF THAT
19 ITEM, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT HIS AMENDMENT BE
20 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS.

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THAT PORTION THAT IS IN BOLD LETTERS,
23 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. ON THE REMAINDER OF 10 AND
24 THE REMAINDER OF THE OTHER ITEMS, IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
25 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY. MADAM CHAIR --

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** NO THE OTHER ITEM WAS REFERRED BACK TO MY OFFICE.

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6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** RIGHT.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT, IT WAS REFERRED BACK. I'M SORRY.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, OKAY.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND ITEM NUMBER 2 FAILS.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITH THE NOTATION THAT THE FIRST PART IS
19 REFERRED BACK TO KNABE'S OFFICE OF 10.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT IS 10 ISN'T IT? OF 10 IT'S REFERRED
24 BACK, AND THE SECOND PART IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** YES MADAM CHAIR.

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3 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND ON THE REMAINDER --

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5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** WITH THE EXCEPTION OF NUMBER TWO.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OF TWO, RIGHT.

8

9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** WHAT?

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'D ALREADY SAID 2 FAILS.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NUMBER 2 FAILS, NUMBER 2 FAILS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH 10?

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** NOTHING.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH I'D SAY ON THE -- 10, ON -- I'LL START
22 OVER.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE FIRST PART OF 10 IT IS REFERRED BACK
2 TO SUPERVISOR KNABE'S OFFICE. THE PART THAT IS IN BOLD LETTERS
3 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. ITEM 2 HAD FAILED BECAUSE THERE
4 WERE INDICATIONS OF VOTES THAT WERE "NO," 3-TO-2. ON THE
5 REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY MOLINA, SO
6 ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** LET'S TRY IT AGAIN YVONNE. [LAUGHTER]

9

10 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY.

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12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, ITEMS 15 THROUGH
13 19.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
16 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** BEACHES AND HARBORS, NUMBER 20.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED -- I'M SORRY,
21 MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
22 ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER, NUMBER 21.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.

2 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, ITEM 22.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
7 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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9 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEM
10 23.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
13 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ITEM 24.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY
18 ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** FIRE DEPARTMENT. ON ITEM 25, THE FIRE
21 CHIEF REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 25 IS CONTINUED ONE WEEK.

24

25 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HEALTH SERVICES, ITEMS 26 THROUGH 35.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY --

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4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** I'M SORRY, ON ITEM NUMBER 33 SUPERVISOR
5 ANTONOVICH REQUESTS A ONE WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 33, THAT'S CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK.
8 ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** HUMAN RESOURCES, ITEM 36.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE.
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** INTERNAL SERVICES, ON ITEM 37 SUPERVISORS
17 BURKE AND KNABE REQUEST A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, 37 WILL BE CONTINUED FOR
20 TWO WEEKS.

21

22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MENTAL HEALTH, ITEMS 38 THROUGH 39.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
25 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED



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2 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, ITEM 40.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA, WITHOUT
5 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PARKS AND RECREATION, ITEMS 41 THROUGH
8 43.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
11 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC LIBRARY, ITEM 44.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

17

18 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, ITEMS 45 THROUGH
19 47. ON ITEM NUMBER 45, HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE AS NOTED ON
20 THE AGENDA ON ITEM 46, ON THE GREEN SHEET, THE DIRECTOR
21 REQUESTS THE ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK. ON ITEM NUMBER 47,
22 HOLD FOR SUPERVISOR BURKE AND OTHER.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ITEM 46 IS CONTINUED FOR ONE WEEK, AND ON
2 THE REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY KNABE.
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** PUBLIC WORKS, ITEMS 48 THROUGH 82. ON
6 ITEM NUMBER 68 ON PAGE 25, THE DIRECTOR REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK
7 CONTINUANCE.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON THE REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH,
10 SECONDED BY MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

11

12 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK, ITEM 83.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
15 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

16

17 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SHERIFF, ITEMS 84 THROUGH 89. ON ITEM 86,
18 FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES "NO." ON ITEM 87, IT'S
19 A POLICY ITEM, AND FOR THE RECORD, SUPERVISOR MOLINA VOTES
20 "NO" IF THERE'S A MOTION TO APPROVE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A MOTION ON 86?

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO MOVED.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY
2 ANTONOVICH -- BY KNABE. ITEMS 86 AND 87 IS 4-TO-1. THOSE ARE
3 APPROVED. ON THE REMAINDER, IT'S MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY,
4 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

5

6 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 90 --

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, DID WE APPROVE 85? IS THAT
9 HELD?

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11 **SUP. KNABE:** 84, 85, AND 88,

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WERE HELD?

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** AND 89, ALL THE --

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO 85 WAS APPROVED, THERE -- I HAD NO
18 INDICATION IT WAS BEING HELD.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, I DIDN T GIVE AN INDICATION BUT I
21 WANT TO JUST -- MOVE TO RECONSIDER, SO I JUST HAVE A COUPLE OF
22 QUESTIONS, I'M NOT GOING TO --

23



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY TO
2 RECONSIDER ITEM NUMBER 85. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
3 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. SO 85 WILL BE HELD.

4

5 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR, ITEMS 90
6 THROUGH 92.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
9 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS, 93 THROUGH
12 96. ON ITEM NUMBER 93, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IS REQUESTING A
13 TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE. ON ITEM 94, 95, AND 96, THE COUNTY
14 COUNSEL REQUESTS A TWO-WEEK CONTINUANCE.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ON ITEM 93, IT'S CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.
17 ITEM 94 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS. 95 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO
18 WEEKS AND 96 IS CONTINUED FOR TWO WEEKS.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ORDINANCES FOR ADOPTION, 96 THROUGH 100.
21 I'M SORRY. 97 THROUGH 100.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 97, ALL RIGHT, IT'S MOVED BY KNABE,
24 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** SEPARATE MATTERS, ITEMS 101 THROUGH 103.
2 101 IS THE TREASURE AND TAX COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO
3 ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF COVINA
4 VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2001
5 ELECTION SERIES B, AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED
6 \$30 MILLION.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
9 KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 102, TREASURE AND TAX COLLECTOR S
12 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
13 AND SALE OF CERTAIN LOS ANGELES SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
14 DISTRICT 2003/2004 TAX AND REVENUE ANTICIPATION NOTES, AN
15 AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$100 MILLION.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
18 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND 103, TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR S
21 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE
22 AND SALE OF PASADENA AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT GENERAL
23 OBLIGATION BONDS 2002 ELECTION SERIES A IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
24 EXCEED \$33 MILLION.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY
2 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** MISCELLANEOUS, ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA
5 REQUESTED BY BOARD MEMBERS AND THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
6 OFFICER, WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
7 THE MEETING, AS INDICATED ON THE GREEN SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA.
8 ITEM 104-A.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY MOLINA.
11 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** ON ITEM 104-B, WE'LL HOLD THAT FOR A
14 REPORT. 104-C.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT
17 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** 104-D.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND AN ITEM CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS
2 MEETINGS FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD, ITEM
3 A-4.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S IN -- WELL, MOVED BY MOLINA,
6 SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE
9 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH
10 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NUMBER 5.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE A SPECIAL ITEM ON AT 10:00. THERE
13 ARE A COUPLE OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE REQUESTED FOR THEIR
14 PRESENTATIONS. ONE IS RUTH GALANTER. THE OTHER IS THE SENTINEL
15 NEWSPAPER. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO HAS A SPECIAL ITEM WHERE
16 THE PEOPLE CANNOT REMAIN UNTIL THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY FINISHES
17 HIS PRESENTATION? HE HAS TO LEAVE BY 11:00. OKAY. WE'LL TAKE -
18 - SUPERVISOR KNABE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
21 LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE TO ASK COUNCILWOMAN RUTH
22 GALANTER TO JOIN ME UP HERE. WE ARE HONORING COUNCILWOMAN
23 GALANTER TODAY FOR HER 16 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES
24 CITY COUNCIL. IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE 16 YEARS HAS GONE JUST LIKE
25 THAT. SHE'S OBVIOUSLY WELL KNOWN TO WEST SIDE VOTERS AND



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1 RESIDENTS, FIRST AS AN ACTIVIST AND THEN AS A CHAIRWOMAN OF
2 THE SOUTH COAST REGIONAL COASTAL COMMISSION. SHE WAS ALSO THE
3 FOUNDER OF THE LOS ANGELES LEAGUE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS IN
4 THE LATE 1970S. DURING THE 1980S, SHE WORKED AS A CONSULTANT
5 TO BOTH THE COASTAL CONSERVANCY AND FOR THE SANTA MONICA
6 MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY. AS AN URBAN PLANNER SHE WAS ACTIVE IN
7 WETLANDS RESTORATION PROJECTS FROM HUNTINGTON BEACH TO MALIBU
8 AND HELPED WITH THE SANTA MONICA PIER RESTORATION. AS A MEMBER
9 OF THE CITY COUNCIL SINCE 1987 AND WHOSE DISTRICT OVERLAPPED
10 THREE SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, SHE WAS COMMENTING JUST HOW
11 GREAT WE ARE TO WORK WITH, WASN'T THAT, WAS THAT -- [LIGHT
12 LAUGHTER] .

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** SHE HAS FOCUSED HER EFFORTS IN RESTORING THE BIONA
15 LAGOON, THE VENICE CANALS AND WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE SANTA
16 MONICA BAY RESTORATION PROJECT, AND ALSO WAS A LEADER IN THE
17 EFFORTS TO HELP SAVE THE PLAYA VISTA WETLANDS WHICH HAS JUST
18 HAD ITS DEDICATION CEREMONIES AFTER MANY DECADES OF EFFORTS IN
19 MID-APRIL. MORE IMPORTANTLY, RUTH HAS WORKED NONSTOP ON
20 QUALITY OF LIFE ISSUES ON THE WEST SIDE, INCLUDING ONE WE'VE
21 WORKED GENERALLY ON, AND THAT'S CURBING THE EXPANSION OF
22 L.A.X., AND RUTH'S EFFORTS HAVE WON HER NUMEROUS AWARDS FROM
23 SUCH ORGANIZATIONS AS HEAL THE BAY, GLOBAL GREEN, THE MONOLAKE
24 COMMUNITY COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR AND THE LOS ANGELES LEAGUE
25 OF CONSERVATION VOTERS. HOWEVER, IT HAS BEEN MY OBSERVATION IN



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1 WORKING WITH RUTH THAT SHE TOTALLY BELIEVES IN LOCAL CONTROL
2 AND TO TRY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS LOCALLY RIGHT AT THE HEART OF THE
3 SITUATION. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THIS
4 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE CITIZENS OF YOUR DISTRICT AND ALL
5 THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT
6 YOU THIS PLAQUE IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR 16 YEARS AS A MEMBER OF
7 THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, SAY THANK YOU, AND WISH YOU THE
8 VERY, VERY BEST IN RETIREMENT. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR?

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GOOD TO SEE RON BUTCHER HERE. STILL WAITING
15 FOR THAT 1981 PHOTOGRAPH. [LAUGHTER]

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST, AS THE ONE SUPERVISOR
18 WHO REPRESENTED THE OVERLAP WITH THE PREVIOUS SIXTH DISTRICT,
19 AND THE CURRENT SIXTH DISTRICT, AND MORE THAN THAT, HAVING HAD
20 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE WITH RUTH ON THE CITY COUNCIL FOR
21 MANY YEARS, HER RETIREMENT, THANKS TO TERM LIMITS, IS A REAL
22 LOSS TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, NOT JUST TO HER DISTRICT, BUT
23 TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND THIS REGION BECAUSE SHE'S BEEN
24 A REAL LEADER, SOMEONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO GET THINGS DONE, GETS
25 TO "YES," IS NOT A HYPOCRITE, AS SO MANY IN OUR PROFESSION CAN



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1 BE FROM TIME TO TIME, SHE'S ALWAYS MOVING, ADVANCING THE BALL,
2 AND I THINK THE WORK PRODUCT SHE'S HAD IN HER DISTRICT, AS DON
3 HAD -- HAS MENTIONED, SOME OF THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS SPEAK ONLY A
4 PORTION OF WHAT SHE'S ACCOMPLISHED. AS A COLLEAGUE OF HERS,
5 SHE WAS ALWAYS -- HER WORD WAS ALWAYS GOLD AND SHE ALWAYS DID
6 THE RIGHT THING, SOMETIMES AT CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL
7 DISCOMFORT, WHETHER IT WAS IN THE DISTRICT OR WHETHER IT WAS
8 ON THE COUNCIL, AND I WOULD SAY AS LATE AS YESTERDAY, FROM
9 WHAT I READ IN THE PAPER, AND I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR THAT. SO
10 IT'S GOING TO BE A REAL LOSS, RUTH, I WISH YOU THE BEST, AND
11 IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU IN THIS CAPACITY, LOOK
12 FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU IN YOUR NEXT CAPACITY.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WOULD LIKE TO JOIN IN SAYING THAT IT'S
15 BEEN A WONDERFUL YEARS THAT WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER ON MANY
16 DIFFERENT ISSUES. I REPRESENTED AN OVERLAPPING AREA AND AN
17 AREA THAT HAS MANY PROBLEMS, MANY ISSUES, BUT ONE OF THE
18 THINGS IS YOU WERE ALWAYS A GREAT REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT AREA,
19 AND WERE THERE AND YOU WERE WELL-LIKED AND WELL SUPPORTED,
20 THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT THAT, BY THOSE COMMUNITIES,
21 PARTICULARLY IN LAMERK PARK AND THOSE AREAS THAT --
22 WESTCHESTER, ALL OF THOSE AREAS THAT YOU REPRESENTED AND YOU
23 DID A GREAT JOB AND YOU WERE REALLY FITTED FOR THE DISTRICT,
24 SO I WANT TO SAY TO YOU, BEST WISHES, MANY THANKS, BEST WISHES



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1 FOR WHATEVER YOU'RE MOVING ON TO DO, AND WE KNOW THAT'LL BE
2 VERY EXCITING.

3

4 **RUTH GALANTER:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH LET ME ALSO STATE THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
7 APPRECIATES HER SUPPORT OF REGIONAL AIRPORTS, IN FIGHTING THE
8 OVEREXPANSION OF L.A.X., WHICH -- WHICH REALLY PARALYZED THAT
9 PART OF THE COUNTY BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE AND
10 THE STUPIDITY OF WANTING TO BUILD AN AIR STRIP IN THE MIDDLE
11 OF THE OCEAN AS THEY'RE -- AS THEY FIRST SUGGESTED AND THEN
12 THAT WENT OFF THE DRAWING BOARDS AND THEY HAD SOME OTHER TYPE
13 OF CONFIGURATION, BUT THANKS TO MAYOR JIM HAHN AND RUTH
14 GALANTER, WE'RE NOW LOOKING AT REGIONAL AIRPORTS, AND WE
15 APPRECIATE THAT.

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** CAN I JOIN AS WELL. I ONLY SERVED WITH RUTH FOR A
18 SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SHE WAS JUST COMING IN I GUESS, WHEN I
19 WAS ON MY WAY OUT, BUT I HAVE WATCHED NOT FROM TOO FAR AWAY
20 AND HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED WITH THE KIND OF LEADERSHIP ROLE THAT
21 SHE HAS PLAYED AND HER PERSISTENCE AND INSISTENCE ON
22 REPRESENTING THE BEST INTEREST AND THE FOR HER DISTRICT AND
23 HER CONSTITUENTS, SO WE CONGRATULATE YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR
24 LEADERSHIP THAT YOU'VE PROVIDED TO NOT ONLY YOUR CONSTITUENTS,



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1 BUT TO THE CITY, AND IT WAS A PLEASURE TO SERVE WITH YOU EVEN
2 THOUGH IT WAS A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

3

4 **RUTH GALANTER:** NOW?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, YOU CAN NOW TALK.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TIME'S UP.

9

10 **RUTH GALANTER:** YEAH, THANK YOU ZEV. I WOULD -- FIRST OF ALL
11 I'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO DON IN PARTICULAR AND TO ALL OF
12 YOU FOR THIS RECOGNITION. IT'S ACTUALLY BEEN INTERESTING IN
13 THAT I HAVE ACTUALLY WORKED WITH ALL FIVE OF YOU AT ONE TIME
14 OR ANOTHER ON ONE PROJECT OR ANOTHER, AND I FORGOT THAT YOU
15 AND I ACTUALLY REPRESENT THE SAME AREA AT BOTH ENDS OF THE --
16 THE DISTRICT. IT'S BEEN A VERY INTERESTING TIME IN OFFICE FOR
17 ME. I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO REPRESENT COMMUNITIES BY NOW
18 ALMOST ALL OVER THE ENTIRE CITY, AND THEY HAVE A LOT OF
19 DIFFERENCES BUT THEY ALSO HAVE A LOT OF SIMILARITIES, AND I
20 KNOW THAT YOU ALL DEAL WITH THOSE SAME SIMILARITIES AND COMMON
21 THREADS AND COMMON CONCERNS EVERYWHERE THAT -- THAT YOU
22 REPRESENT. I'M VERY PROUD OF SOME OF THE THINGS WE'VE DONE
23 TOGETHER, AS SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH MENTIONED, WE HAVE TAUGHT
24 EVERYBODY IN THE REGION HOW TO SPELL "REGIONAL" AND WE'VE JUST
25 BEEN VALIDATED BY THE RAND CORPORATION WHICH SAYS THAT A



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1 REGIONAL AIRPORT SOLUTION IS BETTER. AND I'M THRILLED TO HAVE
2 RECEIVED THIS RECOGNITION. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING TO BE
3 NEXT, BUT AFTER LISTENING TO YOUR VERY KIND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
4 HERE, MAYBE I SHOULD RUN FOR ANOTHER OFFICE. [LAUGHTER].

5

6 **RUTH GALANTER:** HOWEVER, IT'S NOT IN MY PLANS, SO THANK YOU
7 VERY MUCH, THANK YOU ESPECIALLY FOR THINKING OF DOING THIS,
8 AND IT'S VERY HEAVY. [APPLAUSE] [MIXED VOICES] [LIGHT
9 LAUGHTER]

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I AM -- I'M GOING TO TAKE THE LIBERTY OF
12 TAKING TWO PRESENTATIONS -- ONE, THE L.A. SENTINEL, AND THE
13 OTHER, EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, AND THEN WE WILL GO TO THE
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BECAUSE I KNOW HE HAS LIMITED TIME. AND I'D
15 LIKE TO CALL JENNIFER THOMAS FORWARD, A MEMBER -- AND MEMBERS
16 OF THE SENTINEL STAFF. AND THE LOS ANGELES SENTINEL HAS BEEN
17 WELL KNOWN FOR MANY, MANY YEARS, FOUNDED IN 1933 BY LEON
18 WASHINGTON, IT'S PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN KEEPING THE BLACK
19 COMMUNITY INFORMED POLITICALLY, ECONOMICALLY, AND SOCIALLY,
20 AND WHEN THE NEWSPAPER FIRST STARTED, NEWS ABOUT AFRICAN-
21 AMERICANS WAS ALMOST NEVER COVERED BY THE METROPOLITAN PRESS
22 UNLESS IT DEALT WITH CRIMINAL SUSPECTS, AND AT A TIME WHEN
23 BLACK LOS ANGELES WAS RARELY COVERED EXCEPT FOR NEGATIVE
24 ISSUES, THE SENTINEL GAVE AFRICAN-AMERICANS A REFLECTION OF
25 BLACK SOCIETY IN ITS FULLEST AND IT BECAME THE LARGEST



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1 AFRICAN-AMERICAN-OWNED NEWSPAPER WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI,
2 CONNECTING MORE THAN 50,000 WEEKLY READERS. THE NEWSPAPER ALSO
3 TOOK A LEADING ROLE IN REPORTING ON ISSUES THAT WERE IMPORTANT
4 TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY, FROM AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN
5 PERSPECTIVE, AND IT STILL DOES. AND AS THE LOS ANGELES
6 SENTINEL GOES INTO ITS 71ST YEAR, IT REMAINS A HIGHLY RELEVANT
7 AND IMPORTANT PART OF THE SOCIAL FABRIC OF LOS ANGELES, AND
8 IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE I RECOGNIZE THE HISTORY AND
9 ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LOS ANGELES SENTINEL ON ITS 70TH
10 ANNIVERSARY, BUT ONE OF THE THINGS I D LIKE TO SAY IS, YOU
11 KNOW, IF YOU EVER PUT ALL OF YOUR PHOTOS ON THE INTERNET, IT
12 WILL BE THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN LOS ANGELES, AND I
13 HOPE SOMETIME SOMEONE DOES THAT SO THAT PEOPLE CAN REALLY SEE
14 ALL OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED AND ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO
15 HAVE BEEN PART OF THIS COMMUNITY, AND WE'RE SO PLEASED TO HAVE
16 YOU THERE AS THE PUBLISHER, AND YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB. AND
17 I KNOW YOU HAVE SOME PEOPLE HERE YOU WANT TO INTRODUCE TOO.

18

19 **JENNIFER THOMAS:** OKAY, I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE SOME OF THE
20 SENTINEL STAFF THAT S HERE WITH US TODAY. WE HAVE MR. BERNARD
21 LLOYD, HE'S AN EXECUTIVE SALESPERSON. MR. JAMES BOLDEN, OUR
22 MANAGING EDITOR, MRS. CARLYNN IRVIN, MY RIGHT-HAND PERSON AND
23 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, AND WE HAVE MRS. VERGIE MURRAY, OUR
24 RELIGION EDITOR. THE LOS ANGELES SENTINEL IS VERY HONORED TO
25 BE A PART OF THIS EVENT TODAY. OVER THE PAST 70 YEARS, WE'VE



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1 DONE OUR BEST TO REPORT THE NEWS AND VIEWS OF THE AFRICAN-
2 AMERICAN COMMUNITY, AND BY DOING SO, WE'VE BECOME A MAINSTAY
3 IN THE COMMUNITY. WE PLAN ON CONTINUING OUR WORK FOR THE NEXT
4 70 YEARS AND BEYOND, AND WE WANT TO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THIS
5 SPECIAL RECOGNITION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL NOW THE EMPLOYEE OF THE
8 MONTH. AND IT'S A PLEASURE TO INTRODUCE THE 2000 -- MAY 2003
9 EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH, ROSARIO MEDRANO, AND SHE'S A 12-YEAR
10 EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. SHE'S A SUPERVISING
11 PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORKER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
12 HEALTH, WHO IS RECOGNIZED BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
13 AND DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PERSONNEL AS AN EXPERT ON
14 MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, SHE'S WORKED
15 WITH L.A.P.D. AND THE DEPARTMENT S SYSTEM-WIDE MENTAL
16 ASSESSMENT RESPONSE TEAM, FOR EACH TEAM WITHIN L.A.P.D. OFFICE
17 ARE RESPONDING TO 9-1-1 CALLS INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS SUFFERING
18 FROM MENTAL ILLNESS OR EXPERIENCING SEVERE EMOTIONAL CRISIS.
19 ROSARIO IS A MEMBER OF THE DEPARTMENT'S CRITICAL INCIDENT
20 STRESS MANAGEMENT TEAM AND AS THE LEAD CLINICIAN FOR ALL
21 INCIDENTS INVOLVING SPANISH SPEAKING INDIVIDUALS, SHE PROVIDES
22 CRISIS INTERVENTION AND DEBRIEFING TO VICTIMS, SURVIVORS, AND
23 THE RESCUER PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN TRAUMATIC EVENTS. EACH YEAR,
24 SHE DISPLAYS HER COMMUNITY ACTIVISM BY DONATING HER OWN TIME
25 AND EXPERTISE TO ORGANIZE THE LATINO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



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1 CONFERENCE AND HAS ALWAYS MADE HERSELF AVAILABLE TO ASSIST
2 PROFESSIONALLY DURING HER PERSONAL TIME OFF. AND IN
3 RECOGNITION OF YOUR HARD WORK AND YOUR GREAT CONTRIBUTION, WE
4 WANT TO CONGRATULATE YOU AS MAY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH. [
5 APPLAUSE]

6

7 **ROSARIO MEDRANO:** I'M VERY HONORED TO RECEIVE THIS
8 RECOGNITION, AND THIS IS NOT JUST FOR ME, BUT ALL THE SOCIAL
9 WORKERS THAT WORK FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH. THANK
10 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **MARVIN J. SOUTHARD, DIR., DEPT. OF MENTAL HEALTH:** IN ALL
13 MENTAL HEALTH WORK, CLINICAL, CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC
14 COMPETENCE IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT, BUT ROSARIO EXHIBITS ALL
15 OF THOSE IN A PARTICULARLY DELICATE FIELD, THOSE CRISIS
16 SITUATIONS WHERE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MENTAL HEALTH NEED TO
17 RESPOND TOGETHER TO PREVENT A TRAGEDY FROM OCCURRING, AND SHE
18 HAS JUST BEEN OUTSTANDING, SHOWING WHAT CAN BE DONE IF
19 SOMEBODY WITH COMPETENCE GOES TO THE FIELD AND PROVIDES THE
20 INTERVENTIONS THAT MAKES PEOPLE'S LIVES BETTER. SO ROSARIO,
21 THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND THANK YOU TO YOUR COLLEAGUES. [
22 APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND MADAM CHAIR I HAVE ONE THAT HAS A TIME
25 COMING. THIS IS A REAL OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THE COMMUNITY ONCE



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1 AGAIN THE POWER OF A -- OF THE FAMILY, THE POWER OF TWO
2 INDIVIDUALS, AND WE'RE RECOGNIZING THE MOTHER WHO HAS DONE A
3 PHENOMENAL JOB IN FOSTER CARE. THIS MORNING, WE'RE WELCOMING
4 DENISE WHITMIRE AND HER HUSBAND, JOE, IS HER PARTNER IN THIS,
5 BUT SHE WAS RECENTLY HONORED WITH THE WOMAN OF THE YEAR AWARD
6 FROM THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN FOR THE FIFTH
7 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. WITH OVER 30 YEARS OF FOSTER PARENT
8 EXPERIENCE DENISE AND JOE HAVE SUCCESSFULLY CARED FOR OVER 250
9 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED AND DISABLED CHILDREN. EVERY ONE OF HER
10 FOSTER CHILDREN WHO HAVE TURNED -- WHO HAS TURNED 18 HAS
11 GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND GONE ON TO COLLEGE OR TRADE
12 SCHOOL, INCLUDING THREE HANDICAPPED CHILDREN WHO ARE LIVING IN
13 HER HOME RIGHT NOW, THREE ADULT HANDICAPPED CHILDREN. BEING A
14 FOSTER PARENT FOR MEDICALLY FRAGILE AND TROUBLED TEENS IS NOT
15 AN EASY JOB. HOWEVER, DENISE GOES OUT OF HER WAY TO ENSURE
16 THAT ALL OF THE CHILDREN RECEIVE THE BEST POSSIBLE MEDICAL AND
17 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE. SHE'S ALSO QUITE ACTIVE
18 WITHIN HER COMMUNITY SERVING AS VICE PRESIDENT OF COMMUNITY
19 ASSISTANCE AND HOMELESS YOUNGSTERS, TWO HOMELESS YOUNGSTERS
20 AND VICE PRESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY FOSTER PARENT
21 ASSOCIATION, BEING ALSO INVOLVED WITH THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS,
22 MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVERS, GIRLS AND BOY SCOUTS AND THE
23 INDEPENDENT LIVING SERVICES PROJECT THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY.
24 CURRENTLY, HER FAMILY INCLUDES A ONE-YEAR-OLD BLIND TWINS.
25 THESE ARE CHILDREN I BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH THROUGH JOE AND



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1 DENISE. THEY WERE ABANDONED BY THEIR FAMILY AT A GLENDALE
2 HOSPITAL BECAUSE THEY WERE BORN BLIND, THEY WALKED OUT ON
3 THESE CHILDREN AFTER BEING BORN, THEY TOOK THEM IN A COUPLE
4 DAYS OLD, AND FROM THAT THEY HAVE BROUGHT LOVE AND STABILITY
5 TO THIS -- TO THESE TWO YOUNG CHILDREN. ANOTHER ONE IS A 11-
6 YEAR-OLD WITH SEVERE ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES, A 12-YEAR-OLD WITH
7 CEREBRAL PALSY AND A 15 YEAR OLD TWINS, ONE WITH A HEART
8 DEFECT, THE OTHER DEAF AND MENTALLY RETARDED, AND A 23 YEAR
9 OLD YOUNG WOMAN WITH CEREBRAL PALSY. AN ADDITIONAL THREE
10 HANDICAPPED YOUNG ADULTS LIVE IN THEIR GUEST HOMES, ON HER
11 AGUA DULCE RANCH, HOMES ADDED BECAUSE THE THREE ARE TOO OLD
12 FOR THE COUNTY FOSTER CARE CHILDREN, BUT YET THEY STILL NEED
13 CARE. AND ADDING TO HER HEART-GIVING TASKS DENISE IS ALSO
14 LICENSED WITH THE NORTH VALLEY REGIONAL CENTER TO CARE FOR TWO
15 ADDITIONAL HANDICAPPED CHILDREN ON WEEKENDS, GIVING THEIR
16 PARENTS A BREAK. SO THIS IS THE POWER OF A FAMILY, A POWER OF
17 DENISE, A POWER OF JOE, WHO'S NOW TAKING PICTURES. HE'S ALSO A
18 PHOTOGRAPHER. BUT THIS IS WHEN PEOPLE SAY, "WHAT CAN I DO TO
19 HELP?" THIS IS AN EXAMPLE, BUT NOT JUST HELPING ONE, BUT OVER
20 250, AND AGAIN, THEY'VE ALL GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, THEIR
21 VOCATIONAL SCHOOL AND THEY'VE GONE ON, AND WE APPRECIATE
22 DENISE'S YOUR LEADERSHIP AND GOD BLESS YOU, AND ALSO QUITE
23 ACTIVE IN THEIR CHURCH IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY AS WELL. [
24 APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **DENISE WHITMIRE:** I AM VERY HUMBLLED BY THIS AWARD. I WANT TO
2 THANK ALL THE SUPERVISORS HERE, INCLUDING MR. ANTONOVICH, FOR
3 GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE HELP TO AID THE CHILDREN OF
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANKS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERE'S DR. DAVID SANDERS, OUR NEW DIRECTOR OF
7 DEPARTMENT CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES.

8

9 **DAVID SANDERS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND
10 THANKS TO MR. AND MS. WHITMIRE FOR BEING THE EXEMPLARY EXAMPLE
11 OF FOSTER PARENTING THAT WE NEED IN THIS COMMUNITY. AND WE
12 HAVE A NUMBER OF -- OF VERY GOOD THINGS GOING ON IN THE
13 DEPARTMENT, AND I THINK THAT YOU JUST HEARD SUCH A TREMENDOUS
14 EXAMPLE OF WHAT THIS COMMUNITY CAN DO FOR KIDS. THANK YOU VERY
15 MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JOE COME UP HERE. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHILE THEY'RE TAKING THAT LAST PHOTO, I'D
20 LIKE TO ASK IF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY WOULD COME FORWARD. WE
21 WILL CONTINUE WITH THE PRESENTATIONS. OUR PROBLEM IS THE
22 DISTRICT ATTORNEY DOES HAVE TO LEAVE AND HE HAD ASKED TO BE
23 HEARD AT 10:00. WE -- THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR BEING HERE. I'M
24 SORRY THAT WE ARE CALLING YOU SO LATE BUT I HOPE --

25



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1 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL I APPRECIATE YOU ADJUSTING YOUR SCHEDULE TO
2 MEET MINE 'CAUSE I WAS UNAVAILABLE LAST WEEK, AND I WOULD LIKE
3 TO ADDRESS THE SUPERVISORS, AND TO HELP ME IN AT LEAST SOME OF
4 THE MORE TRICKY QUESTIONS, I HAVE ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY
5 SHARON MATSIMOTO IN CHARGE OF OUR OFFICE'S ADMINISTRATION, AND
6 OUR DIRECTOR OF MANAGEMENT BUDGET BILL MANGEN. LET ME COMMENCE
7 BY SUGGESTING THAT, THIS YEAR, MY OFFICE IS ONCE AGAIN BEING
8 ASKED TO CUT ITS BUDGET. THE C.A.O. HAS RECOMMENDED A \$4.6
9 MILLION CURTAILMENT FOR THE D.A.'S OFFICE IN THE COMING YEAR.
10 NOW, I'VE BEEN BEFORE THIS BOARD IN SOMEWHAT BETTER TIMES AND
11 AS WELL AS THE NOT-SO-GOOD TIMES, SUCH AS NOW, WHICH WE ALL
12 RECOGNIZE. THE RESULT, HOWEVER, IS INVARIABLY THE SAME: A
13 GREAT DEAL OF SYMPATHY AND EMPATHY FROM THIS BOARD, BUT NO
14 HELP. I'M ASKING YOU THIS YEAR TO GIVE MY DEPARTMENT A PASS ON
15 THE C.A.O.'S RECOMMENDATION TO CUT OUR BUDGET. I ASK INSTEAD
16 YOU TAKE THE AFFIRMATIVE STEP AND SIGNAL TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS
17 ANGELES COUNTY, THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUSTICE, THE SECURE
18 COMMUNITY THAT THAT PROVIDES AND, VERY IMPORTANTLY, THE RIGHTS
19 OF VICTIMS ARE A FOREMOST PRIORITY IN THE MINDS OF LOS ANGELES
20 COUNTY'S LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP; NAMELY, THIS BOARD. SOON
21 AFTER I CAME INTO OFFICE AS D.A., I DIRECTED MY STAFF TO
22 ASSESS THE STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT AND ITS FUNDING. I
23 DETERMINED THAT THE D.A.'S BUDGET FOR NEW GRANT PROGRAMS HAVE
24 BEEN PREVIOUSLY AND CHRONICALLY UNDER-FUNDED. THIS WAS DONE TO
25 CREATE A ZERO INCREASE IN NET COUNTY COST DURING ADMITTEDLY



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1 TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES. THE TECHNIQUE EMPLOYED WAS VERY SIMPLE:
2 CREATE A REVENUE APPROPRIATION OF 100% TO THE GRANTS EXPECTED
3 REVENUES, ALLOCATE 100% OF THE REQUIRED POSITIONS FOR THE
4 GRANTS, BUDGETARILY APPROPRIATE ONLY 80% OF THE SALARIES
5 REQUESTED TO STAFF THE GRANT POSITIONS. NOW THIS TECHNIQUE
6 MAXIMIZED THE USE OF OUTSIDE FUNDING DURING THE IMMEDIATE YEAR
7 AFTER THE ACQUISITION OF THE GRANTS, BUT IT CAUSED SERIOUS
8 PROBLEMS IN MANAGING THE DEPARTMENT, BECAUSE FULL FUNDING WAS
9 NEVER, EVER APPROPRIATED IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS. IT CAUSED THE
10 D.A.'S OFFICE TO REALLOCATE STAFF FROM THE GENERAL COUNTY-
11 FUNDED POSITIONS TO GRANT POSITIONS WITH NO HOPE OF REPLACING
12 STAFF IN THE COUNTY-FUNDED POSITIONS. THIS WAS DUE TO
13 INADEQUATE FUNDING. IT CREATED LONG-TERM VACANCIES IN COUNTY-
14 FUNDED POSITIONS WHICH COULD NOT BE FILLED DUE TO INADEQUATE
15 FUNDING. IT CONTRIBUTED TO THE EXPANSION OF THE DEPARTMENT
16 SALARY SAVINGS TO A POINT WHERE IT NOW REPRESENTS 13% OF ALL
17 SALARIES REQUIRED TO STAFF THE DEPARTMENT. THE SHERIFF, IT
18 SHOULD BE NOTED, HAS FOUND A 7% SALARY SAVINGS TO BE
19 INTOLERABLE AND UNACCEPTABLE. OURS IS 13%. THE DEPARTMENT HAS
20 NEVER BEEN ABLE TO FULLY RE-STAFF THE COUNTY GENERAL FUNDED
21 POSITIONS IN SUBSEQUENT BUDGET YEARS, THAT'S WHY I REPEATEDLY,
22 AND AS LITTLE AS TEN DAYS AGO, COMMUNICATED WITH THE BOARD AND
23 THE C.A.O. THAT THIS ISSUE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED. IT TAKES
24 FUNDING TO ADDRESS THE DISASTER THIS HAS CAUSED IN MY
25 DEPARTMENT. THE BOARD RECOGNIZED THIS BUDGETARY FLAW LAST YEAR



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1 AND PUBLICLY EMPATHIZED WITH THE PROBLEM. IN SPITE OF THIS
2 HARDSHIP AND THIS CRITICAL FLAW IN THE BUDGET, I HAVE
3 FAITHFULLY DISCHARGED MY OBLIGATION AS THE DEPARTMENT HEAD AND
4 AS AN ELECTED OFFICIAL TO KEEP A BALANCED BUDGET AT ALL TIMES.
5 NOW, AS I STATED EARLIER, I HAVE ASKED THE BOARD TO ADDRESS
6 THE FUNDING PROBLEMS OF THE D.A.'S BUDGET FROM A NUMBER OF
7 PERSPECTIVES. I HAVE ASKED FOR YOUR HELP IN FUNDING
8 CRITICALLY-NEEDED GENERAL FUND PROGRAMS. AS YOU'LL RECALL, I
9 RETAINED THE ROLLOUT PROGRAM THE D.A.'S RESPONSE TEAM PROGRAM
10 TO OFFICER INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND IN-CUSTODY DEATHS DESPITE
11 THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL GRANT THAT HAD FUNDED THAT RAN OUT,
12 WE TOOK THAT OUT OF HIDE. WE HAVE EXPANDED THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
13 INTEGRITY DIVISION TO FULFILL NEW EXPANDED RESPONSIBILITIES IN
14 THE WAKE OF RAMPART. OUR ORGANIZED CRIME DIVISION, WHICH I
15 ASKED FOR FUNDING FOR AND DID NOT GET, IS STILL RELATIVELY
16 SMALL DESPITE THE ADDITIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF ITS ANTI-
17 TERRORIST COMPONENT. UNINCORPORATED AREA CODE ENFORCEMENT, A
18 SPECIAL NEED IDENTIFIED BY MEMBERS OF THIS BOARD STILL IS NOT
19 FULFILLED. NOW I'VE ASKED FOR FINANCIAL RELIEF FROM THE SALARY
20 SAVINGS BURDEN, I'VE ASKED THE BOARD TO RESTORE THE
21 CURTAILMENTS RECOMMENDED BY THE C.A.O. IN THE 2002/2003 BUDGET
22 YEAR. THAT TOTAL, 4.9 MILLION. THAT REQUEST, AS YOU'LL RECALL,
23 WAS TABLED REPEATEDLY BUT NEVER VOTED UPON, AND THE FINAL
24 ANALYSIS LEFT IN LIMBO DURING THE ENTIRE PAST YEAR. NOW I CAN
25 ASSURE YOU THE CURTAILMENTS FOR THE '02/'03 FISCAL YEAR HAVE



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1 BEEN ACCOMPLISHED AT A GREAT SACRIFICE TO PROSECUTION SERVICES
2 THAT YOUR CONSTITUENTS RELY UPON. OUR DEPARTMENT IS TERRIBLY
3 WEAKENED AND UNDER-FUNDED. I ASK THEN, WHY ALLOW FOR MORE
4 DOWNSIZING. IT WOULD BE DIFFERENT IF THERE HAD BEEN A TIME IN
5 THE LAST TEN YEARS WHEN THE D.A.'S OFFICE HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO
6 RECOVER FROM THE RECESSION OF THE EARLY '90S. WE WOULD BE IN A
7 BETTER POSITION TO SHARE IN THE COUNTY'S CURRENT PAIN AND
8 WOULD DO SO, MAYBE NOT WITHOUT COMPLAINT, BUT WITH LESS
9 COMPLAINT, BUT THAT RECOVERY NEVER HAPPENED. THE SALARY
10 SAVINGS HAS BEEN RATIONING UPWARD EACH YEAR DUE TO THE
11 RESIDUAL EFFECTS OF GRAND UNDER-FUNDING, THE ABSORPTION OF
12 COST INCREASES FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND RETIREE HEALTH
13 INSURANCE GOES ON. THESE ABSORPTIONS ARE EFFECTIVELY BUDGET
14 CUTS FOR WHICH WE HAD TO GIVE UP SALARIES AND POSITIONS. OUR
15 GENERAL FUND PORTION OF THE BUDGET IS IN A CONTINUAL STATE OF
16 DETERIORATION. THERE HAS BEEN NO RESPONSE TO OUR REQUEST FOR
17 HELP. IT'S JUST ABSORBED THE COST AND THE ANNUAL CURTAILMENTS,
18 AND I ASK, WHERE DOES IT END. AS I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY, I
19 CAN REPORT THERE ARE 83 LESS CAREER PROSECUTORS AVAILABLE FOR
20 PROSECUTION SERVICES IN THE COUNTY OF L.A. THAN ON THE DAY I
21 ASSUMED OFFICE IN DECEMBER 2000, THERE ARE 17 LESS
22 INVESTIGATORS IN A BUREAU THAT IS 58TH OUT OF 58 COUNTIES IN
23 TERMS OF RATIOS OF BUREAU INVESTIGATORS TO DEPUTY D.A.S AND
24 THERE ARE 53 LESS STAFF SUPPORT PERSONNEL. ALL OF THESE
25 PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN LOST WITHOUT REPLACEMENT DUE TO BUDGET



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1 CUTS AND THE UNFUNDED VACANCIES CREATED BY THE SALARY SAVINGS
2 FIASCO. THE C.A.O.'S 2003/2004 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION WILL
3 REQUIRE THE LOSS OF AT LEAST 20 MORE CAREER PROSECUTORS AND
4 SEVEN MORE STAFF PERSONNEL WITHOUT ANY HOPE OF REPLACEMENT
5 UNLESS YOU INTERVENE, AND I DO REQUEST YOU DO SO. IT IS A
6 SHORTSIGHTED TRAGEDY TO ALLOW THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT
7 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO DECLINE IN ABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS IN
8 THE FACE OF CHALLENGES PRESENT THROUGHOUT OUR GREAT COUNTY. I
9 ASK YOU TO STOP THE HEMORRHAGE OF OUR BUDGET, YOU HAVE THE
10 POWER TO DO SO. GIVE US A CHANCE TO RECOVER THIS YEAR. WE ARE
11 NOT ASKING FOR MORE FUNDS; WE JUST DON'T WANT YOU TO TAKE ANY
12 MORE AWAY. WE HAVE GIVEN UP FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR MANY YEARS
13 TO ACCOMMODATE THE COUNTY'S LARGER BUDGET PROBLEMS. WE HAVE
14 BEEN GOOD SOLDIERS, BUT WE'VE REACHED THE POINT WHERE THE
15 HARMS -- WHERE HARM IS BEING DONE TO THE OFFICE. VICTIMS IN
16 YOUR DISTRICTS WILL NOT BE WELL SERVED IF THE RECOMMENDED
17 CURTAILMENTS ARE APPROVED. I WILL BE FORCED, AMONG OTHER
18 THINGS, TO REDUCE STAFF IN THE SEX CRIMES DIVISION, THE
19 ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION, THE ELDER ABUSE SECTION, THE FAMILY
20 CRIMES DIVISION, THE HARD CORE GANGS DIVISION AS IT COMES TO
21 ASIAN -- THE ASIAN CRIME SECTION, THE HATE CRIMES SECTION, THE
22 QUALITY OF LIFE UNIT AND THE HIGH TECH CRIME SECTION AND
23 THROUGHOUT LINE OPERATIONS OF ALL BRANCH AND AREA COURTS AND
24 IN CENTRAL OPERATIONS. THE DISMANTLING OF THE D.A.'S OFFICE,
25 YOUR COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE IS NOT A WISE CHOICE AMONG



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1 POSSIBLE CURTAILMENTS. THE PUBLIC WILL HOLD YOU AND I
2 ACCOUNTABLE FOR REDUCED CREDIBILITY AND REDUCED EFFECTIVENESS
3 OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. MANY CRITICAL OPERATIONS ARE
4 GENERAL FUND ACTIVITIES AND THEY MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO ERODE
5 FURTHER DUE TO NEGLECT OR LACK OF PRIORITIZATION. THE
6 CONSTITUENTS OF YOUR DISTRICTS DEPEND UPON MY OFFICE AND YOURS
7 TO MAINTAIN A LEVEL OF PUBLIC PROTECTION THAT IS FAIR,
8 IMPARTIAL, ACCURATE, AND PROFESSIONAL. LET'S RESOLVE TO NOT DO
9 ANY FURTHER HARM TO THE D.A.'S OFFICE BUT, INSTEAD, HOLD THE
10 LINE ON REDUCTION OF SERVICES DURING THESE DIFFICULT TIMES.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE QUESTIONS?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YES. IF YOU -- IF YOU HAVE TO ELIMINATE YOUR
15 SPECIALIZED UNITS, WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE CASES THAT ARE BEING
16 PROSECUTED RIGHT NOW?

17

18 **STEVE COOLEY:** THOSE CASES, BY AND LARGE, WILL STILL BE
19 PROSECUTED BY THE OFFICE, BUT TO A SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCED
20 QUALITY. WE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VERTICALLY PROSECUTE MANY
21 CASES INVOLVING VULNERABLE VICTIMS, SUCH AS WOMEN AND
22 CHILDREN, SUCH THAT WE ARE DOING NOW IN THE FAMILY CRIMES
23 DIVISION AND THE SEX CRIMES DIVISION. WE WOULD JUST NOT BE
24 ABLE TO GIVE THE DUE ATTENTION, WHICH IS PRIMARILY
25 ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH VERTICAL PROSECUTION TO THESE CRIMES THAT



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1 DO REQUIRE THAT SORT OF HIGH QUALITY OF PREPARATION AND
2 HANDLING.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE HOMELAND SECURITY FUNDS, THEY DON'T COVER
5 YOUR ANTI-TERRORISM ORGANIZED CRIME UNITS, DO THEY?

6

7 **STEVE COOLEY:** NO. WE BASICALLY ARE USING THE LAWYERS ASSIGNED
8 TO ORGANIZED CRIME, AND IT'S A RELATIVELY SMALL NUMBER, TO
9 HANDLE THAT COMPONENT. WE DO HAVE TWO D.A. INVESTIGATORS THIS
10 BOARD DID FUND, COMMITTED TO SERVING ON ALL THE VARIOUS
11 TASKFORCES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY THAT HAVE AN ANTI-TERRORIST
12 RESPONSIBILITY.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RELATIVE TO PROPOSITION 172, THAT WAS
15 INTENDED TO AUGMENT OR SUPPLEMENT YOUR GENERAL FUND
16 ALLOCATIONS?

17

18 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL, IT'S INTENDED TO, I THINK, GUARANTEE OUR
19 GENERAL FUND OBLIGATION AND AUGMENT IT. AS A MATTER OF
20 LEGISLATIVE INTENT, IT'S MAYBE HARD TO RECONSTRUCT THAT.
21 HOWEVER, THERE ARE DIFFERENT THEORIES ON HOW THAT'S TO BE
22 IMPLEMENTED, AND I -- AT THIS POINT, I'M NOT GOING TO
23 CRITICIZE THE C.A.O.'S INTERPRETATION OF HOW HE'S HANDLING THE
24 PROP 172 FUND BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE
25 LAW, AS WE UNDERSTAND IT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, HOW MUCH HAS
3 WORKERS' COMPENSATION COST YOUR DEPARTMENT?

4

5 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL, I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT NUMBER OVER FIVE
6 YEARS, I KNOW THAT THIS YEAR IT'S WHAT BILL, 1. --

7

8 **BILL MANGEN:** IT'S GONE UP ABOUT 2 MILLION A YEAR FOR THE LAST
9 THREE YEARS.

10

11 **STEVE COOLEY:** 1.9 MILLION INCREASE THIS YEAR AND BILL TELLS ME
12 2 MILLION A YEAR ON AVERAGE FOR FIVE YEARS, THAT'S \$10
13 MILLION, THAT'S A VERY SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF OUR BUDGET, AND
14 I WILL TELL YOU, IF I CAN DEVIATE SLIGHTLY, THIS IS PROBABLY
15 THE GREATEST CHALLENGE TO GOVERNMENT IN GENERAL AND BUSINESS
16 IN GENERAL IN CALIFORNIA. THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM
17 EMPLOYED IN THIS STATE IS A RECIPE FOR DISASTER, IT IS A
18 GATHERING PERFECT STORM. EVERY TIME GOVERNMENT TURNS AROUND,
19 THEY HAVE INCREASED COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH WORKERS' COMP. THAT
20 IS THE SAME IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR, AND MY BUDGET AND OUR
21 WORKERS' COMP SITUATION IS MERELY A MICROCOSM OF A MUCH BIGGER
22 PROBLEM STATEWIDE, AND IF THERE'S PROBABLY ANY ONE THING THAT
23 COULD BE DONE TO CREATE A HEALTHY BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT IN THIS
24 STATE AND TO SUPPORT LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT ALL LEVELS, IT WOULD
25 BE TO REPAIR THIS TERRIBLY DYSFUNCTIONAL SYSTEM THAT IS RIFE



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1 WITH FRAUD AND ABUSE, OFTEN TIMES BY PROFESSIONALS IN OUR
2 SOCIETY WHOM WE WOULD WISH WOULD NOT BE ABUSIVE, AND THAT'S
3 LAWYERS AND DOCTORS. IT'S A SYSTEM THAT IS GOING TO ULTIMATELY
4 HARM ALL OF US IN OUR RESPECTIVE ROLES TRYING TO SERVE THE
5 PUBLIC.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE AN ORGANIZED
8 EFFORT IN FIGHTING CRIME AND KEEPING SAFE COMMUNITIES, IT'S
9 VITAL THAT THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE AND THE PUBLIC
10 DEFENDER'S OFFICE, ALONG WITH PROBATION AND THE SHERIFF, HAVE
11 THE RESOURCES TO CARRY OUT THEIR POLICIES AND TO IMPLEMENT A
12 FAIR DUE PROCESS PROCEDURE. IF WE SHORTCHANGE THE DISTRICT
13 ATTORNEY AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER, A LOT OF CRIMINALS ARE GOING
14 TO WALK FREE BECAUSE THEY WON'T BE PROSECUTED, AND IT'S -- THE
15 D.A. AND THE PUBLIC DEFENDER GO HAND IN HAND IN HOLDING UP THE
16 JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN THIS COUNTY.

17

18 **STEVE COOLEY:** GIVEN THE RELATIVE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE ARE
19 ASKING FOR, AND I THINK THE BEST WAY TO GIVE IT TO US WOULD BE
20 IN THE FORM OF ADDRESSING THE SALARY SAVINGS ISSUE, THE
21 CONSEQUENCES OF NOT DOING SO WILL BE SUBSTANTIVE, REAL, AND, I
22 THINK, WILL FAR OUTWEIGH THE NOMINAL AMOUNT OF MONEY WE NEED
23 TO PROCEED, AND BASICALLY IS KEEP OUR BUDGET THE SAME, NO
24 FURTHER CUTS, AND DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS CHRONIC SALARY
25 SAVINGS PROBLEM, WHICH WE ALL AGREE, I DON'T THINK THERE'S ONE



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1 BOARD MEMBER HERE OR ANY STAFF MEMBER THAT DOES NOT AGREE THAT
2 THIS IS A PROBLEM CREATED SOME TIME AGO THAT'S COME HOME TO
3 ROOST, AND WE OUGHT TO FIX IT AND FIX IT NOW.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND YOU'RE ASKING FOR WHAT, 2.3 MILLION?

6

7 **STEVE COOLEY:** WE'RE ASKING, ONE, WE NOT BE CUT AT ALL, AND
8 WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR ANY MORE MONEY OTHER THAN WE DO -- WOULD
9 LIKE A PLAN, WE CAN WORK WITH THE C.A.O. IN DEVELOPING THIS,
10 TO REDUCE OUR SALARY SAVINGS TO WHAT WE FIGURE IS A FAIR
11 AMOUNT OF ABOUT 8%.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT'S THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THAT 8%?

14

15 **STEVE COOLEY:** THAT WOULD BE ABOUT SIX MILLION, BILL?

16

17 **BILL MANGEN:** ROUGHLY A SIX MILLION NET COUNTY COST INCREASE
18 TO THE DEPARTMENT, TO FIX THE PROBLEM THIS YEAR.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO YOU HAVE ANY --

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MR. JANSSEN, DAVID, DO YOU AGREE ABOUT -- ON
23 THE DOLLAR AMOUNT?

24



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, I -- I'M SURE THE DOLLAR AMOUNT IS
2 PROBABLY ACCURATE I'M -- IT'S JUST A MATTER OF CALCULATING THE
3 SALARY SAVINGS. SALARY SAVINGS IS SOMETHING THAT WE DISCUSSED
4 AT LENGTH LAST YEAR. IT IS AN ISSUE IN THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT, AND THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY IS PARTICULARLY HAMPERED
6 BY DECISIONS OF HIS PREDECESSOR, FRANKLY, BUT THE FACT IS, TO
7 SOLVE THAT PROBLEM REQUIRES, AS HE SAID, \$6 MILLION OF GENERAL
8 FUND MONEY. WE DON'T HAVE \$6 MILLION OF GENERAL FUND MONEY TO
9 FIX HIS PROBLEM, SO HE -- WE ADDED A MILLION DOLLARS IN HIS
10 FIRST YEAR. IT WAS HIGHER THAN IT IS RIGHT NOW. A CERTAIN
11 PORTION OF THAT SALARY SAVINGS IS, YOU KNOW, A FREEBIE, IF YOU
12 WILL, TO DEPARTMENTS, WE BUDGETED AT TOP STEP NOT AT ACTUAL,
13 SO A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THAT IS NOT A REAL PROBLEM FOR THE
14 DISTRICT ATTORNEY, BUT THAT PART OF IT IS AN ISSUE, BUT I
15 WOULD IMAGINE THAT HE'S LOOKING TO BE HELD HARMLESS BEFORE
16 HE'S LOOKING TO HAVE THE SALARY SAVINGS FIXED IN TERMS OF
17 PRIORITIES, BECAUSE THE \$4.6 MILLION CUT IS A BIGGER PROBLEM
18 THAN THE SALARY SAVINGS IN TERMS OF MANAGING HIS BUDGET.

19

20 **STEVE COOLEY:** THAT'S TRUE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MAY I ASK A COUPLE QUESTIONS? DO YOU
23 PRESENTLY HAVE THE D.A. ROLLOUT TEAM?

24

25 **STEVE COOLEY:** YES, WE DO.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE -- DO YOU HAVE NOW?

3

4 **STEVE COOLEY:** IT'S A TEAM OF D.A. INVESTIGATORS AND DEPUTY
5 D.A.S, AND WE'VE BROUGHT ALONG SOME STATISTICS TO GIVE THAT TO
6 YOU. LET ME HAVE BILL MANGEN GIVE YOU THE EXACT NUMBERS THAT
7 WE HAVE AVAILABLE.

8

9 **BILL MANGEN:** YES, MRS. BURKE. THANK YOU. I'M BILL MANGEN,
10 REPRESENTING THE BUREAU OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. THE D.A.
11 ROLLOUT TEAM AT THE TIME THAT IT WAS FUNDED BY A FEDERAL GRANT
12 CONSTITUTED NINE POSITIONS, NINE ATTORNEY POSITIONS AND FOUR
13 INVESTIGATORS, AND AFTER THAT FUNDING ABATED, THE DEPARTMENT
14 CONTINUED TO PROVIDE THE ACTIVITY. THE TEAM -- THE ROLLOUT
15 TEAM, HOWEVER, IS CONSTITUTED OF A PRIMARY TEAM AND THEN
16 BACKUP TEAMS AND THE SUBSEQUENT THIRD TEAM, PEOPLE ARE ON CALL
17 IN CASE THERE'S MORE THAN ONE CALL-OUT AT ANY GIVEN TIME. SO
18 UP TO 24 INDIVIDUALS IN THE DEPARTMENT AT ANY TIME MAY BE
19 CALLED UPON TO DO A ROLLOUT AFTER HOURS, BUT THE PRIMARY TEAM
20 IS -- THAT WAS FUNDED IN THE PAST CONSTITUTED NINE PERSONNEL
21 IN ORDER TO BE AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY THROUGHOUT THE WEEK. I
22 HAVE SOME ACTIVITY STATISTICS, IF YOU WANT TO HEAR THOSE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL I -- I JUST WANT TO GET SOME IDEA, SO
25 IT'S --



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1

2 **BILL MANGEN:** IT'S A LITTLE OVER A MILLION DOLLARS.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE REQUESTING -- ARE YOU REQUESTING
5 NINE MORE -- DO YOU -- YOU PRESENTLY HAVE NINE IN THE ROLLOUT
6 TEAM, OR YOU NOW HAVE 18? HOW MANY DO YOU PRESENTLY HAVE?

7

8 **BILL MANGEN:** THE ROLLOUT PERSONNEL COME FROM OUR JUSTICE
9 SYSTEM INTEGRITY DIVISION, SO WE NEVER HAVE RECEIVED ANY
10 FUNDING FOR WHAT WE WOULD CALL A ROLLOUT TEAM. WE CREATED THE
11 FUNCTION --

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT HOW MANY PEOPLE DID YOU PUT INTO IT?

14

15 **BILL MANGEN:** WE PUT NINE ADDITIONAL PEOPLE INTO IT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ALL RIGHT. SO WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR IS
18 NINE MORE?

19

20 **BILL MANGEN:** WELL WE'RE NOT ASKING FOR THAT TODAY. THAT WAS
21 PART OF OUR UNMET NEEDS THAT WE'VE ADDRESSED BEFORE THE BOARD
22 MANY TIMES PREVIOUSLY.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH I SEE, ALL RIGHT, SO YOU'RE NOT REALLY
25 ASKING FOR THAT. IN THE ONES THAT YOU'RE REQUESTING, AND I'M



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1 NOT SURE, ARE PROJECT SENTRIES, 11 POSITIONS, ARE THOSE -- IS
2 THAT A PRESENT PROGRAM THAT S GOING ON, OR IS THAT -- WOULD
3 THAT BE -- AND HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE THERE NOW?

4

5 **BILL MANGEN:** I'M SORRY, WHAT WAS THAT QUESTION?

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PROJECT SENTRY, WERE YOU REQUESTING 11
8 POSITIONS FOR THAT?

9

10 **BILL MANGEN:** OH ON TODAY S BUDGET ITEM 24?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

13

14 **BILL MANGEN:** YES THAT'S A NEW GRANT THAT WILL COME INTO PLAY
15 MIDYEAR, AT THE END OF THIS FISCAL YEAR AND WILL CONTINUE
16 THROUGH TWO SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEARS, IT'S AN ADDITIONAL
17 FEDERAL -- FEDERALLY FUNDED GRANT PROGRAM.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO THAT S FEDERALLY FUNDED?

20

21 **BILL MANGEN:** YES, MA'AM, AND THAT CONSTITUTES THREE
22 ADDITIONAL POSITIONS.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THERE -- ARE THOSE THINGS THAT YOU'RE
25 REQUESTING, ARE -- WHICH ONES ARE NEW DIVISIONS?



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2 **BILL MANGEN:** WELL WE'RE NOT REQUESTING TODAY, MA'AM, WE'RE
3 NOT REQUESTING ANY NEW PROGRAMS. WHAT WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING FOR
4 IS THAT THE C.A.O.'S RECOMMENDATION FOR THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET
5 OF A CURTAILMENT OF \$4.6 MILLION BE OVERRIDDEN BY BOARD
6 AUTHORITY AND THE MONEY RESTORED, AND THAT MONEY WOULD RESTORE
7 THE FAMILY VIOLENCE DIVISION AND OTHER PROGRAMS THAT THE D.A.
8 ENUMERATED IN HIS PRESENTATION.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD I JUST ASK A QUESTION?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE LIST OF THINGS THAT YOU'RE CUTTING, WERE
15 THOSE SPECIFICALLY CUT BY THE C.A.O.? DID HE CUT THE FAMILY
16 VIOLENCE DIVISION, DID HE CUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
17 UNIT, DID HE CUT THE ELDER ABUSE PROGRAM, OR WAS THAT YOUR
18 DECISION?

19

20 **STEVE COOLEY:** FIRST OF ALL, IT HAS NOT BEEN CUT YET, I'M JUST
21 GIVING --

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL THE PROPOSED CUT?

24

25 **STEVE COOLEY:** I'M GIVING -- THEY'RE PROPOSED CUTS, THEY ARE --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ARE YOU PROPOSING IT OR IS HE PROPOSING IT,
3 I'M NOT CLEAR? I MEAN IT SOUNDS LIKE HE'S PROPOSING ALL THESE
4 CUTS.

5

6 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL AS I SAY I WOULDN'T HAVE TO -- I WOULDN'T
7 HAVE TO BE SORTING OUT THE PRIORITIES WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT IF
8 WE WEREN'T SUFFERING THE FINANCIAL CUT THAT HE IS PROPOSING.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, SO HE'S PROPOSING THE FINANCIAL CUT.
11 YOU'VE DECIDED THAT IF IT GOES THROUGH, THIS IS WHAT YOU WOULD
12 CUT.

13

14 **STEVE COOLEY:** WELL, AMONG OTHER THINGS. AS YOU -- AS I
15 INDICATED, IT'D BE ACROSS THE BOARD, IT WOULD BE LINE
16 OPERATIONS AS WELL AS SOME SPECIALIZED UNITS. WHETHER THEY'LL
17 BE WIPE OUT ENTIRELY OR JUST REDUCED SUBSTANTIALLY REMAINS TO
18 BE SEEN.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, BUT I JUST WANTED TO BE CLEAR
21 THAT HE WASN'T TELLING YOU WHAT TO CUT.

22

23 **STEVE COOLEY:** OH, NO.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HE'S TELLING YOU WHAT YOUR DOLLAR FIGURE IS
2 GOING TO BE AND LET -- LEAVES IT TO YOUR DISCRETION AS TO HOW
3 YOU'RE GOING TO LIVE WITHIN THE REMAINDER.

4

5 **STEVE COOLEY:** EXACTLY, THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT, AND BY THE SAME
6 TOKEN, TO THE EXTENT WE'D WANT YOU TO OVERRIDE HIS
7 RECOMMENDATION TO CUT, THAT I NEED TO GO THROUGH THAT PAINFUL
8 EXERCISE OF CUTTING OUT THINGS THAT I KNOW ARE VALUABLE TO
9 YOUR CONSTITUENTS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. I HAVE NO FURTHER QUESTIONS. BUT
12 THESE ARE THINGS THAT YOU'VE IDENTIFIED THAT YOU WOULD CUT AND
13 THESE ARE POSITIONS THAT YOU WOULD CUT, FOR INSTANCE --

14

15 **STEVE COOLEY:** THEY ARE DEFINITELY ILLUSTRATIVE OF THE
16 CONSEQUENCES OF THIS CUT ON TOP OF LAST YEAR'S CUT.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, COULD I MAKE JUST A CLOSING
21 COMMENT?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T WANT ANYONE LISTENING TO BE LEFT WITH
2 THE IDEA THAT THE BOARD DOESN'T CARE ABOUT PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT
3 IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE TO YOU. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEYS'
4 BUDGET IS ACTUALLY INCREASING FROM \$117 MILLION TO \$122
5 MILLION, OR A \$4.6 MILLION INCREASE. WE ADDED \$2.1 MILLION FOR
6 COST OF SALARY INCREASES, 2 MILLION FOR THE COST OF RAMPART,
7 AND 3.8 MILLION TO BACKFILL PROP 172 REVENUE THAT HAS BEEN
8 LOST AS A RESULT OF THE ECONOMY, AND YOUR BOARD, IN FACT, HAS
9 BACKFILLED THE REVENUE LOSS IN BOTH THE SHERIFF AND THE
10 DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS. YOU THEN NET OUT OF
11 THAT THE 3.6 MILLION THAT WE ARE PROPOSING THAT HE REDUCE FROM
12 HIS DEPARTMENT. NOW COUNTY BUDGETING IS OBVIOUSLY VERY
13 COMPLICATED. ALL I'M SAYING IS HIS PROBLEM WOULD HAVE BEEN
14 SIGNIFICANTLY WORSE, ANOTHER \$7.9 MILLION ON TOP OF THIS, IF
15 WE HAD NOT PUT THAT MUCH GENERAL FUND IN HIS BUDGET. I TALKED
16 PREVIOUSLY ABOUT THE SALARY SAVINGS ISSUE, WE RECOGNIZE THAT
17 IT EXISTS, WE WOULD LIKE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT LONG-TERM. I
18 THINK THAT'S A MUTUAL GOAL OF OURS TO STRAIGHTEN THAT OUT, BUT
19 THE PUBLIC SHOULDN'T BE LEFT WITH THE IDEA THAT THE BOARD HAS
20 NOT BEEN AND DOESN'T CONTINUE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF PUBLIC
21 SAFETY.

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME -- ON THAT POINT, YOU SAID THE BUDGET
24 IS INCREASING BY, WHAT, 2 MILLION? \$4.7 MILLION?



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RIGHT.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW MUCH OF THAT IS IN SALARY INCREASES?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** 2.1 MILLION IS A FULL-YEAR COST OF THE LAST
6 INCREASE, WHICH WAS OCTOBER, AND THERE ARE NO FURTHER
7 INCREASES SCHEDULED.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU ALSO HAVE THE STEP INCREASES THAT ARE
10 PART OF THAT EQUATION.

11

12 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE --

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY'RE NOT ALL ON STEP 5.

15

16 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** ON STEP INCREASES, NO WE BUDGETED TOP STEP, SO
17 THAT TAKES CARE OF THE STEPS INCREASES.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO, I MEAN, THAT'S WHEN THE BUDGET S GOING
20 UP, YOU HAVE STEP INCREASES AND YOU HAVE --

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22 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** RETIREE HEALTH INCREASES, WORKERS' COMP
23 INCREASES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, RIGHT, SO IT'S NOT THAT HE IS ADDING
2 NEW PERSONNEL.

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO, THAT'S -- AS A MATTER OF FACT, HE'S GOING
5 TO ELIMINATE 39 POSITIONS.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, SO I MEAN WHEN WE SAY THE BUDGET S
8 GOING UP, THAT DOESN'T MEAN NEW BODIES ARE COMING IN TO
9 PROSECUTE, AND THAT'S A, I THINK A FALSE MESSAGE WHEN YOU SAY
10 HIS BUDGET S GOING UP, THEREFORE THERE'S NO PROBLEM. THERE'S A
11 HELL OF A PROBLEM BECAUSE THOSE BUDGET INCREASES ARE A RESULT
12 OF INCREASES THAT ARE NOT INCREASING PERSONNEL BUT ARE
13 INCREASING SALARY AND BENEFITS.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH, STEVE, WHAT'S THE NET COUNTY COST NUMBER
18 FROM YOUR BUDGET THAT'S BEEN REDUCED OVER THE LAST COUPLE OF
19 YEARS?

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21 **STEVE COOLEY:** THE NET COUNTY COST THAT'S BEEN REDUCED?

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** OR BEEN CUT. I MEAN, '02/'03.

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1 **STEVE COOLEY:** IT WAS 4.9 CURRENT YEAR AND PROPOSED 4.6 NEXT
2 YEAR.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** YEAH.

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ARE THERE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?
7 ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

8

9 **STEVE COOLEY:** THANK YOU.

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11 **BILL MANGEN:** THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE GOT YOU OUT OF HERE BY 11:00. ALL RIGHT,
14 THERE WAS A PERSON WHO WANTED TO APPEAR ON ITEM 64, HE WAS
15 STUCK IN TRAFFIC. I'LL MOVE TO RECONSIDER. IS THERE A SECOND?

16

17 **SUP ANTONOVICH;** MOVED.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, WE'LL RECONSIDER ITEM 64
20 AND WE WILL TAKE THAT UP AT THE TIME WE TAKE UP THE SPECIALS.
21 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL THIS MORNING, WE'RE GOING TO WELCOME ALL
24 OF THE OUTSTANDING NURSES FOR THE YEAR AND CONGRATULATE THEM
25 FOR A SUCCESSFUL NURSE RECOGNITION WEEK, WHICH WAS HELD FROM



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1 MAY 4TH THROUGH THE 10TH OF MAY, AND THIS IS AN HONOR TO HAVE
2 YOU HERE, AS YOU WERE ALL NOMINATED BY YOUR OWN PEERS FOR THIS
3 AWARD. AND WE ARE NOW GOING TO RECOGNIZE 17 OF OUR NURSES FROM
4 ACROSS THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. FROM THE VALLEY CARE OLIVE
5 VIEW U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CARE CENTER IS ANN ALIAN. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM RANCHO AMIGOS NATIONAL REHABILITATION
8 CENTER IS MIONE GOK CHOY. [APPLAUSE]

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM CENTRAL HEALTH, SERENA DONG. [APPLAUSE
11]

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM PUBLIC HEALTH IS IDA FREELANDER. [
14 APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM L.A.C./U.S.C. HEALTHCARE NETWORK OUT-
17 PATIENT DEPARTMENT IS LOURDES GRANELLES. [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IS
20 ELIZABETH GORGONIA. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES IS
23 PATRICIA GRUGERRO. [APPLAUSE]

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IS

2 MICHELLE KIM. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM HIGH DESERT IN THE ANTELOPE VALLEY IS

5 UNCHALA KIRBY. [APPLAUSE]

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM VALLEY CARE NORTH HOLLYWOOD HEALTH

8 CENTER IS OMPI KUMATRATONON. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE SOUTHWEST AREA, MARTIN LUTHER KING,

11 CHARLES DREW MEDICAL CENTER IS VERONICA MARBELLA. [APPLAUSE]

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM THE L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

14 NORTH COUNTY CORRECTIONAL FACILITY IS VANERONDAL ASTERRA. [

15 APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM HIGH DESERT AMBULATORY CARE UNIT IN THE

18 ANTELOPE VALLEY IS JENNIFER POPONG GONG. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM L.A. COUNTY UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN

21 CALIFORNIA, LYDIA THOMPSON. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** L.A. COUNTY HEALTH -- FIRE DEPARTMENT IS LYN

24 -- EXCUSE, LOU-ANN UNDERWOOD, LOU-ANN. [APPLAUSE]

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM HARBOR U.C.L.A. MEDICAL CENTER IS OLIVIA
2 VASQUEZ. [APPLAUSE]

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FROM SOUTHWEST AREA HUBERT HUMPHREY
5 COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CENTER, BEVERLY WHEELER. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WE'RE GOING TO PRESENT THE NURSE
8 RECOGNITION SCROLL TO KAREN WONCH, CHIEF NURSE OFFICER FOR
9 RANCHO LOS AMIGOS HOSPITAL. KAREN? [APPLAUSE]

10

11 **KAREN WONCH:** THANK YOU, EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR THIS
12 HONOR, FOR ALL OF THE NURSES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS YOU
13 KNOW THIS IS A -- THESE ARE EXTRAORDINARY TIMES AND WE CALL
14 UPON EXTRAORDINARY PEOPLE. WE HAVE BEFORE YOU TODAY SOME OF
15 OUR EXTRAORDINARY NURSES. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, THEY ARE THE
16 EVERY-DAY HEROES OF THE PATIENTS AND POPULATION THAT WE SERVE
17 AND WE ARE GLAD TO DO THAT. THESE EXTRAORDINARY TIMES CALL FOR
18 THE CHALLENGES BEFORE US. WE ARE HERE TO RISE TO THE CHALLENGE
19 AND MEET THE NEEDS OF THE CITIZENS OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU
20 SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALSO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WANTS TO SAY A FEW
23 WORDS.

24



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE ALL
2 THE NURSES THAT HAVE BEEN HONORED HERE TODAY, AND IN
3 PARTICULAR, LOU-ANN UNDERWOOD WHO IS OUR CHIEF NURSE
4 COORDINATOR, WHO'S MADE A TREMENDOUS DIFFERENCE IN THE FIRE
5 DEPARTMENT AND IN ORDER FOR US TO TRAIN OUR PARAMEDICS AND OUR
6 E.M.T.'S TO DELIVER THE BEST MEDICAL CARE POSSIBLE TO THE
7 CONSTITUENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE ANOTHER POSITIVE
10 ROLE MODEL AND HERO THAT -- FOR YOUNG AND OLD, AND THAT'S
11 AARON BAKER, WHO COURAGEOUSLY OVERCAME PARALYSIS AND WAS ABLE
12 TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LOS ANGELES MARATHON BICYCLE RACE WITH
13 HIS MOTHER, LIQUITA CONWAY. IN MAY OF 1999 AARON WAS A FIVE
14 TIME AMATEUR DIRT BIKE CHAMPION WHEN HE WAS SEVERELY INJURED
15 ON AN 80-FOOT JUMP FROM THE ANAHEIM SUPER CROSS. FOR THE NEXT
16 TWO YEARS, HE HAD PHYSICAL THERAPY, EXERCISE OF FOUR TO SIX
17 HOURS DAILY WHICH LED HIM TO WHERE HE COULD NOT ONLY WALK, BUT
18 IS ABLE TO RIDE A CUSTOM ELECTRIC SCOOTER, OPERATE A PERSONAL
19 WATERCRAFT, DRIVE A CAR, AND EVEN SNORKEL IN SHORT VALLEY
20 ALLEY OFF OF HAWAII. HE HAS BEEN -- BEATEN ONE IN A MILLION
21 ODDS IN RECOVERING FROM HIS PARALYSIS AND COMPETED IN THE 26-
22 MILE LOS ANGELES MARATHON BICYCLE RACE IN A TANDEM BICYCLE
23 WITH HIS MOTHER WHO IS HERE WITH HIM TODAY. SO AARON,
24 CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR INSPIRATION AND COMING BACK. [
25 APPLAUSE]



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2 **AARON BAKER:** I'D JUST LIKE TO SAY I'M HONORED TO BE HERE
3 TODAY, FOR BEING RECOGNIZED FOR DOING SOMETHING THAT I HAD A
4 LOT OF FUN DOING, PARTICIPATING IN THE L.A. MARATHON. IT'S A
5 MAJOR MILESTONE FOR ME ON MY ROAD TO RECOVERY, AND I WOULD
6 JUST LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING THIS, AND MORE
7 IMPORTANTLY MY FAMILY, MY MOTHER AND MY FATHER, LIQUITA AND
8 DAN, FOR EVERYTHING THEY'VE DONE FOR ME. IF IT WEREN'T FOR
9 THEM, I WOULDN'T BE STANDING HERE IN FRONT OF YOU TODAY, SO,
10 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **LIQUITA BAKER:** WHEN YOU'RE TOLD THAT YOUR SON WILL NEVER BE
13 ABLE TO MOVE ANYTHING FROM THE CHEST DOWN, SOMETHING REALLY
14 SHIFTS IN YOU. WE NEVER ONCE ACCEPTED THAT. THIS HAS BEEN A
15 JOURNEY OF LOVE, SUPPORT, AND, MOST OF ALL, HUMAN
16 DETERMINATION, AND AT THIS POINT, I CAN SAY I WOULDN'T TRADE
17 IT FOR ANYTHING IN THIS WORLD. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH
18 FOR THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE RECOGNIZED OUR EFFORTS AND AARON'S
19 EXTRAORDINARY DETERMINATION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO ALSO RECOGNIZE ONE OF
22 OUR GREAT PUBLISHERS AND EDITORS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND
23 THAT'S EUGENE MOSES OF THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EXAMINER. WE
24 WANT TO COMMEND HIM FOR HIS ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE
25 COMMUNITY AND IN ASSISTING VETERANS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. A



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1 U.S. NAVY KOREAN WAR VET, EUGENE HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN
2 ASSISTING VETERANS OBTAIN PROPER HEALTHCARE COVERAGE AND IS
3 CURRENTLY COMMANDER OF THE DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS 11TH
4 DISTRICT. A LIFETIME MEMBER OF THE VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS
5 AND MEMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION. AS PUBLISHER AND EDITOR OF
6 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EXAMINER, EUGENE INFORMS THE PUBLIC
7 ABOUT LOCAL ISSUES, AND PROVIDING CONSTRUCTIVE AND
8 ENLIGHTENING OPINIONS THROUGH THE WEEKLY DISTRIBUTION OF THIS
9 NEWSPAPER. THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY EXAMINER'S GOAL IS EXCELLENT
10 IN JOURNALISM FEATURING LOCAL NEWS CONCERNING ALL ASPECTS OF
11 LIFE AS IT STANDS FOR FREE ENTERPRISE, FAIRNESS, AND ACCURACY.
12 IN ADDITION TO THE NEWSPAPER, GENE HAS SERVED AS MAYOR OF
13 AZUSA FOR 12 CONSECUTIVE YEARS, SERVED ON THE ADVISORY BOARD
14 OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT, AND PRESIDENT
15 OF THE AZUSA REPUBLICAN CLUB. SO EUGENE IS HERE WITH HIS WIFE
16 ENDAY AND WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM AND WISH HIM CONTINUED
17 SUCCESS AND A RESPONSIBLE NEWSPAPER. [APPLAUSE]

18

19 **EUGENE MOSES:** I JUST WANTED TO SAY I'M VERY PROUD TO RECEIVE
20 THIS AWARD. ALSO, I'M VERY PROUD OF THE SUPERVISORS. THEY
21 NEVER FORGET THEIR VETERANS AND THAT REALLY, TO ME, IS AN
22 HONORABLE THING. THANK YOU ONCE AGAIN. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE STUDENTS
25 FROM SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SOCCER TEAM. HERE THEY'VE



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1 BEEN ABLE TO SEE SOME REAL GOOD ROLE MODELS TODAY FROM OUR
2 NURSES TO A FOSTER PARENTS, TO A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHER, FORMER
3 MAYOR, ALONG WITH A YOUNG MAN WHO OVERCAME A PARALYSIS. SO
4 THIS MORNING, WE RECOGNIZE THE SAINT FRANCIS HIGH SCHOOL
5 SOCCER TEAM WHICH JUST WON ITS THIRD CONSECUTIVE
6 INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION CHAMPIONSHIP. THE GOLDEN KNIGHTS
7 FINISHED THE SEASON 26-5-1 AND WERE DECLARED THE SOUTHERN
8 SECTION DIVISION TWO CO-CHAMPIONS AS THEY ENDED THE
9 CHAMPIONSHIP GAME TIED WITH IRVINE WOODBRIDGE. THIS IS THE
10 THIRD SOCCER TITLE FOR SAINT FRANCIS, MAKING IT ONE OF 17
11 PROGRAMS IN THE CALIFORNIA INTERSCHOLASTIC FEDERATION 40-YEAR
12 CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY TO WIN AT LEAST THREE CROWNS. NOW WE
13 WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE FIRST THEIR COACH, GLEN APELS, EXCUSE
14 ME, GLEN APPELS, HEAD COACH, HOW ARE YOU? [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SAY A FEW WORDS, OKAY CHRIS MUIR, THE COACH.
17 [APPLAUSE]

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ERIC JOHNSON, COACH. [APPLAUSE]

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CLARK SANCHEZ-FIGUERAS. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JARED IZUMI. [APPLAUSE]

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHRIS HERTZ. [APPLAUSE]



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JEFF FAWCETT. [APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BRIAN GROSSHANS. [APPLAUSE]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BRANDEN IZUMI. [APPLAUSE]

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GABE NORRIS. [APPLAUSE].

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PATRICK CONWAY. [APPLAUSE]

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JUSTIN YASUTAKE. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COLLIN DUNNER. [APPLAUSE]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DANIEL CALDWELL. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JASON ROYAL -- ROEL? [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BRIAN SANTOS. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** STEVE ULLOM. [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** JEFF BUDDENJOHN -- BUDDENBOHN. [APPLAUSE]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ALFONSO BERUMEN. [APPLAUSE]

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3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ETHAN MCCREARY. [APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GABE PEREZ. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND FOR THE SCHOOL, LET ME GIVE THIS TO THE
8 HEAD COACH, WHO WILL THEN SAY A FEW WORDS, AND THIS IS FOR THE
9 SCHOOL, A PROCLAMATION, CONGRATULATIONS.

10

11 **GLEN APPELS:** WE'D LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU, WE APPRECIATE THE
12 SUPERVISORS HAVING US HERE, ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH
13 WHO'S RECOGNIZED US OVER THE YEARS THROUGH ACADEMIC AWARDS AND
14 A LOT OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE GONE ON AT THE SCHOOL SUCH ARE
15 ACADEMIC AND THE DECATHLON TEAM, I HAD THE PLEASURE OF BEING
16 HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO. SO WE REALLY WANTED TO THANK YOU, WE
17 REALIZE WE'RE IN SOME HIGH COMPANY TODAY WITH PEOPLE WHO HAVE
18 HELPED CHANGE THE COMMUNITY AND WE'RE HOPING THAT THE BOYS
19 BEHIND US TAKE THAT AS AN EXAMPLE AND TRY TO MAKE A POSITIVE
20 CONTRIBUTION WHEN THEY FINISH OUT OF OUR HIGH SCHOOL. THANK
21 YOU. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHILE THEY'RE TAKING THAT PHOTO, WE'RE
24 RUNNING SO FAR BEHIND, WE ASK SUPERVISOR KNABE TO CALL --

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** YES. MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE SOME VERY PATIENT
2 INDIVIDUALS HERE WITH US TODAY. I'D LIKE TO CALL THE LINCOLN
3 ODELL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB OF LONG BEACH
4 AND RICHARD BENNET, THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR OF THE CALIFORNIA
5 LIONS CLUB FORWARD. THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION ESTIMATES
6 THAT THE EYESIGHT OF ONE-FOURTH OF THE WORLD'S POPULATION CAN
7 BE IMPROVED THROUGH THE USE OF CORRECTIVE LENSES. HOWEVER MANY
8 -- FOR MANY, A PAIR OF GLASSES IS JUST UNAFFORDABLE AND
9 INACCESSIBLE. FOR NEARLY 70 YEARS, INDIVIDUAL LIONS CLUBS
10 THROUGHOUT THE WORLD HAVE COLLECT -- USED EYEGLASSES FOR
11 DISTRIBUTION TO THE NEEDY AND DEVELOPING NATIONS. IN THE
12 FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002 THE LIONS CLUB DISTRIBUTED EYEGLASSES TO
13 MORE THAN THREE MILLION PEOPLE. EACH YEAR DURING THE MONTH OF
14 MAY, THE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB JOINS ITS SISTER CLUBS IN
15 COLLECTING USED EYEGLASSES, RECYCLING THEM, CLEANED, SORTED BY
16 PRESCRIPTION, PREPARED FOR DISTRIBUTION BY LIONS AND OTHER
17 GROUPS. SO ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES ON THE BOARD,
18 IT'S MY PLEASURE TO PRESENT TO THE DOWNTOWN LIONS CLUB OF LONG
19 BEACH AND TO THEIR GOVERNOR IN CELEBRATION OF "RECYCLE FOR
20 SIGHT" MONTH 2003 TO THE DOWNTOWN LONG BEACH LIONS CLUB.
21 CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **LINCOLN ODELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OUR MOTTO IS "WE SERVE,"
24 AND MY MOTTO FOR THE YEAR IS, "SERVING CHEERFULLY." THANK YOU.
25 RICHARD?



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2 **RICHARD BENNET:** ON BEHALF OF THE LIONS OF 190 COUNTRIES IN
3 THE WORLD, WE JUST WANT TO THANK YOU FOR THIS HONOR. [
4 APPLAUSE]

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE YOU GOING TO DO THE PET NOW, OR -- I
7 HAVE JUST ONE HERE YES. IN ATTENDANCE TODAY, WE HAVE SOME OF
8 THE FOUNDING BOARD OF THE DIRECTORS -- BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND
9 NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD OF THE MILLENNIUM MOMENTUM FOUNDATION,
10 AND IT'S BEING LED BY MR. DESMOND BLACKBURN, VICE PRESIDENT OF
11 PROGRAM OF THE ORGANIZATION. AS I UNDERSTAND, YOU ALL ARE ONLY
12 EIGHT DAYS AWAY FROM YOUR LAUNCHING CEREMONY RIGHT HERE IN THE
13 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND EXPECT 500 PEOPLE TO ATTEND, OR EVEN
14 MORE, AS YOU SET OUT TO CREATE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR
15 YOUNG PEOPLE THAT ASPIRE TO LEADERSHIP IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
16 SECTORS. IN LESS THAN ONE YEAR, YOU HAVE GAINED NATIONAL AND
17 INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION WITH YOUR EFFORT AND, IN SO DOING,
18 HAVE ATTRACTED NATIONAL FIGURES INCLUDING REVEREND JESSE
19 JACKSON, THE PRESIDENT OF RAINBOW COALITION, SEVERAL
20 INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMATIC OFFICIALS AND CORPORATE EXECUTIVES
21 FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY, OF WHICH SOME ARE CONFIRMED TO JOIN
22 YOU AT YOUR LAUNCHING CEREMONY MAY 28TH AT THE CITY CLUB ON
23 BUNKER HILL. AS YOU SET OUT TO CREATE EDUCATIONAL AND
24 PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM VARIOUS
25 ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS, I THINK IT'S VERY NOTEWORTHY THAT YOUR



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1 BOARD REFLECTS THE DIVERSITY THAT THE ORGANIZATION ULTIMATELY
2 AIMS TO CONSISTENTLY NURTURE IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR.
3 IN ADDITION, THE ORGANIZATION IS CLEARLY COMPRISED OF
4 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSIONALS REPRESENTING NOTABLE ACADEMIC
5 INSTITUTIONS, CORPORATIONS, PUBLIC SECTOR ORGANIZATIONS, AND
6 ENTERTAINMENT COMPANIES WITH STRATEGICALLY POSITION
7 ORGANIZATION TO ACCESS AN ARRAY OF RESOURCES FOR STUDENTS IN
8 THESE VARIOUS FIELDS. I COMMEND YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO
9 SUPPORTING YOUR EFFORTS AND WISH YOU MANY SUCCESSES, NOT ONLY
10 HERE, BUT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BUT THROUGHOUT THE
11 NATION WITH THIS UNPRECEDENTED ORGANIZATION AND TO MR.
12 BLACKBURN, CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE SAY A WORD?

15

16 **DESMOND BLACKBURN:** OKAY, AT THIS TIME, I JUST WANT TO JUST
17 TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY RIGHT NOW TO THANK SUPERVISOR YVONNE
18 BRAITHWAITE BURKE WHO ABSOLUTELY -- WHO IN CASE SHE HASN'T --
19 IS NOT AWARE, IS ACTUALLY THE ACTUAL INSPIRATION BEHIND THIS.
20 THIS ORGANIZATION IS ASPIRING, ASPIRING, AS A MATTER OF FACT,
21 JASON SEWARD, THE FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT, WHO IS ALSO A STAFF
22 MEMBER, ALSO WITH YOU AS WELL. THIS WAS HIS IDEA. THIS WAS HIS
23 VISION. AND -- IN FACT, WE ARE ALSO VERY PROUD OF HIM AND ALSO
24 BRINGING US ON BOARD FOR THIS RIDE THAT I'M CALLING IT. WE'RE
25 ACTUALLY -- WE'LL BECOME A SERVICE THAT'LL PROVIDE MEN AND



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1 WOMEN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 18 TO 35 WHO HAVE AN INTEREST IN
2 PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, CORPORATE PUBLIC AFFAIRS, AND JUST
3 REGULAR PUBLIC AFFAIRS AS WELL, TO HAVE A PLACE TO WHERE THEY
4 CAN MARRY THE ITEMS THAT THEY LEARN IN THE CLASSROOM TO WHAT
5 THEY CAN LEARN IN THE PRACTICAL WORK ROOM ENVIRONMENT, AND
6 THIS I CALL THE L.A. DREAM TEAM. YES, COME ON UP AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D ASK EVERYBODY, AS YOU WALK PAST --

9

10 **DESMOND BLACKBURN:** AS WELL THEY ALSO -- LET EVERYBODY
11 INTRODUCE THEMSELVES BECAUSE WE'VE LITERALLY AN L.A. DREAM
12 TEAM OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE PARTNERING ON THIS AS WELL.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE TRYING TO GET A BIG PHOTO FIRST AND
15 THEN WE'LL ASK EVERYONE TO WALK PAST.

16

17 **DESMOND BLACKBURN:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR. YOU'RE THE BOSS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COME ON, LET'S TRY AND GET A PHOTO, CAN WE
20 GET A PHOTO OF JUST ONE? OKAY. WELL WE HAVE ONE PERSON WHO'S
21 TALL -- [MIXED VOICES]

22

23 **SHARON TURNER HARVEY:** SHARON TURNER HARVEY, SHELL OIL COMPANY,
24 THE LOS ANGELES SHELL YOUTH TRAINING COMPANY.

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1 **MARK CHUN:** MARK CHUN, U.S.C. NATIONAL BOARD, MARSHALL'S SCHOOL
2 OF BUSINESS.

3

4 **NIKKI CARLSON:** NIKKI CARLSON WITH THE LAW FIRM OF WEST AND
5 BENCHU.

6

7 **GRACE CANOI:** GRACE CANOI, I'M THE BOARD SECRETARY AND I'M FROM
8 -- I'M THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD CARE ALLIANCE OF
9 LOS ANGELES.

10

11 **LAVERNE DAVIS:** LAVERNE DAVIS, VICE PRESIDENT, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
12 FOURTH HORIZON.

13

14 **JOHN DAVIS:** I'M JOHN DAVIS, FIELD PRODUCER WITH ACCESS
15 HOLLYWOOD AT NBC. [APPLAUSE]

16

17 **CORY REDMAN:** CORY REDMAN, REDMAN ENTERPRISES AND CHAIRMAN OF
18 BEVERLY HILLS GLOBAL.

19

20 **KEITH COLEMAN:** KEITH COLEMAN, PRINCIPAL WITH FIGERO MEDIA
21 GROUP.

22

23 **KEITH PARKER:** KEITH PARKER, ASSISTANT VICE CHANCELLOR,
24 GOVERNMENT COMMUNITY RELATIONS AT U.C.L.A. GO BRUINS! [
25 LAUGHTER]



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2 **JANET CURRY ELLIS:** JANET CURRY ELLIS, BOWMAN CURRY PUBLIC
3 RELATIONS C.E.O.

4

5 **LARRY ALQUIS:** LARRY ALQUIS, CITY CLUB ON BUNKER HILL.

6

7 **VUSENTA CHING:** VUSENTA CHING PARAMOUNT PICTURES.

8

9 **SANTI SABOCOR:** SANTI SABOCOR OF SABOCOR MARGLAN CERTIFIED
10 PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS.

11

12 **MISHAIL ISRAEL:** MISHAIL ISRAEL, CHAIRMAN AND C.E.O. GLOBAL
13 TRANSLOGIC.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU. [
16 APPLAUSE] .

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL WE WANT TO COMMEND JASON FOR BRINGING
19 TOGETHER THIS DISTINGUISHED GROUP OF PEOPLE AND IT'S A VERY
20 WORTHWHILE CAUSE.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I'D LIKE TO
23 RECOGNIZE TWO OUTSTANDING INDIVIDUALS WHOSE GENEROSITY HAS
24 MEANT SUCH A POSITIVE IMPACT ON OUR COMMUNITY. MICHAEL LEE AND
25 LEON KATZ OF CINGULAR WIRELESS P.C.S. STATION, ROSE TO THE



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1 OCCASION LAST HOLIDAY SEASON AND DONATED 1,000 PAIRS OF
2 ATHLETIC SHOES TO THE LESS FORTUNATE OF OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY
3 RESIDENTS. THE ATHLETIC SHOES WERE DISTRIBUTED TO VARIOUS
4 COMMUNITY GROUPS AND FAMILIES IN THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF LOS
5 ANGELES COUNTY. NO DOUBT THESE ATHLETIC SHOES ARE GIFTS THAT
6 HAVE LONG SURPASSED THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND CONTINUE TO BE A
7 BENEFIT FOR THE CHILDREN AND ADULTS WHO RECEIVED THEM. WE
8 TRULY APPRECIATE THEIR COMMUNITY COMMITMENT AND OVERWHELMING
9 GENEROSITY AND HELPING US HAVE AN ENJOYABLE HOLIDAY SEASON. SO
10 ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES, WE'D LIKE TO PRESENT
11 YOU THIS SCROLL IN RECOGNITION. ONE THOUSAND PAIRS OF SHOES,
12 AND THERE WERE A LOT OF SMILING FACES. CONGRATULATIONS. [
13 APPLAUSE]

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15 **LEON KATZ:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE ARE HONORED TO ACCEPT THIS
16 SCROLL OF RECOMMENDATION ON BEHALF OF CINGULAR WIRELESS. OUR
17 GOALS -- ONE OF OUR GOALS ALWAYS HAS BEEN AND ALWAYS WILL BE
18 TO CONTRIBUTE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY. AND WORKING WITH THE
19 PEOPLE HERE HAS MADE THAT SEAMLESS AND EXTREMELY EASY. THE
20 GRATITUDE THAT WE RECEIVE FROM THE KIDS WHEN THEY RECEIVE
21 THEIR FREE SHOES MADE UP FOR EVERYTHING THAT WE DID. THANK YOU
22 ONCE AGAIN. WE APPRECIATE IT. [APPLAUSE]

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I HAVE -- MADAM CHAIR, NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEKS
2 GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECOGNIZE THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF
3 AN OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.
4 PAUL MELILLO, A CONSTRUCTION SUPERINTENDENT IN THE FLOOD
5 MAINTENANCE DIVISION AND A 28 YEAR COUNTY EMPLOYEE, HAS BEEN
6 NAMED THE DEPARTMENT'S 2003 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR. PAUL
7 EXEMPLIFIES THE DEDICATION OF PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEES TO
8 PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF OUR GREAT COUNTY.
9 HE CONSISTENTLY STRIVES TO ENHANCE THE DEPARTMENT'S
10 PRODUCTIVITY AND SERVICE. HIS EXPERTISE AND PROACTIVE EFFORTS
11 IN PROVIDING FLOOD PROTECTIONS TO OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS HAVE
12 BEEN A CONSIDERABLE BENEFIT TO THE DEPARTMENT. PAUL IS
13 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CLEARING OF OVER 60 FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL
14 REACHES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY BEFORE EACH STORM SEASON. HIS
15 EXTRAORDINARY EFFORTS ENSURE THAT THE REACHES ARE CLEARED IN
16 RECORD TIME IN COMPLIANCE WITH ALL PERMITS IN ORDER TO
17 SAFEGUARD NATURAL HABITAT AND WITH MINIMAL LOCAL IMPACT TO
18 RESIDENTS. BY RAISING THE BAR FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR HIM, PAUL
19 IS AN OUTSTANDING EXAMPLE OF A DEDICATED EMPLOYEE WITH HIGHLY
20 EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL MORALS AND WORK ETHICS. SO WE'RE
21 PLEASED TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO PAUL AND TO SAY THANK YOU
22 FOR A JOB WELL DONE AND CONGRATULATIONS AS BEING THE 2003
23 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. [
24 APPLAUSE]

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1 **JIM NOYES, DIR., DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS:** PAUL, ON BEHALF OF ALL
2 THE MEN AND WOMEN OF THE DEPARTMENT, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE
3 YOU. THIS IS A WELL-DESERVED AWARD. PAUL HAS BEEN AN EXCELLENT
4 EMPLOYEE FOR 28 YEARS, AND WE WISH YOU WELL. THANK YOU, PAUL.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, PAUL, YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO GET ONE SHOT HUH?
7 ALL RIGHT. CONGRATULATIONS, PAUL. THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL
8 DONE.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL REPRESENTATIVES OF BREATH
11 FORWARD. BREATH IS THE CALIFORNIA SMOKE-FREE BARS, WORKPLACE,
12 AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM, A STATEWIDE PROJECT OF THE AMERICAN
13 LUNG ASSOCIATION OF EAST BAY. THE REPRESENTATIVES OF BREATH
14 ARE HERE TODAY TO RECOGNIZE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AS THE
15 CALIFORNIA SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACE.

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17 **DIANNE KAISER:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. MY
18 NAME IS DIANNE KAISER, AND I'M WITH BREATH, THE CALIFORNIA
19 SMOKE-FREE BARS, WORKPLACE AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM. IT'S A
20 PLEASURE FOR ME TO BE HERE TODAY WITH CHAIRWOMAN BURKE AND THE
21 SUPERVISORS. THEY'VE GIVEN OUT SOME GREAT AWARDS AND NOW THEY
22 GET ONE. AND THIS IS FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE CALIFORNIA SMOKE-
23 FREE WORKPLACE ACT. IT SEEMS LIKE NOT TOO LONG AGO, THAT
24 CALIFORNIA BECAME ONE OF -- WELL, ACTUALLY, THE FIRST STATE IN
25 THE UNITED STATES TO GO A HUNDRED PERCENT SMOKE-FREE IN ALL



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1 WORKPLACES. IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE'VE ALMOST FORGOTTEN ABOUT
2 TODAY, BUT IT'S HAPPENED AND IT'S HAPPENED VERY WELL IN LOS
3 ANGELES COUNTY. IN FACT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS RECEIVING TODAY
4 A PLATINUM LUNG AWARD FOR 95% COMPLIANCE OF ALL WORKPLACES IN
5 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO THERE ARE A LOT OF CITIES AND COUNTIES
6 WITH A COMPLIANCE RATE OVER 80%, BUT 95% IS SPECTACULAR. SO
7 FOR THAT, I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO SUPERVISOR BURKE THE
8 PLATINUM LUNG AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION. TO THE
9 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HIGHEST EXCELLENCE IN ACHIEVING
10 SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACES GIVEN THIS DAY BY BREATH, THE CALIFORNIA
11 SMOKE-FREE BARS, WORKPLACES AND COMMUNITIES PROGRAM 2003.
12 CONGRATULATIONS.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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16 **DIANNE KAISER:** IT'S OUR PLEASURE. [APPLAUSE]

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18 **DIANNE KAISER:** AND WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO PRESENT PINS. THESE
19 ARE LAPEL PINS TO EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
20 SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA, SUPERVISOR ZEV YAROSLAVSKY,
21 SUPERVISOR DON KNABE, SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, AND THEN
22 THE HEALTH DEPUTIES OF THE SUPERVISORS, AND THEY INCLUDE BOBBY
23 JOHNSON, PAT MILLER, RON HANSON, CAROL KIM, RICHARD ESPINOSA,
24 AND RESSI ROMAN. THINGS DON'T HAPPEN BY THEMSELVES, THERE ARE
25 PEOPLE WHO ACTUALLY HELP IN YOUR COMMUNITY TO IMPLEMENT LAWS,



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1 PUBLIC HEALTH LAWS, AND WE HAVE SOME OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO ARE
2 STANDING BEHIND ME TODAY, AND THEY ARE THOMAS GARTHWAITE,
3 M.D., DIRECTOR OF HEALTH SERVICES AND CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER;
4 JONATHAN FIELDING, M.D., M.P.H., DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND
5 HEALTH OFFICER FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY; JOHN SCHUNHOFF, PH.D.,
6 PUBLIC HEALTH, CHIEF OF OPERATIONS; MARK SIMON, M.D., M.P.H.,
7 PUBLIC HEALTH DIRECTOR OF ASSESSMENT AND EPIDEMIOLOGY, MARK
8 WEBBER, PH.D., CHIEF EPIDEMIOLOGIST; DEANNE BAGWELL, DIRECTOR
9 OF THE TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAM; MAUREEN VALENTINE, WHO ALSO
10 WORKS FOR TOBACCO CONTROL; AND FROM ANOTHER CITY WHO RECEIVED
11 A PLATINUM LUNG AWARD LAST WEEK, WE HAVE CORPORAL KELLY
12 GORDON. SO EACH OF THESE PEOPLE WILL RECEIVE A LAPEL PIN FOR
13 THEIR EFFORTS AS WELL. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MARCIA.

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19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE HAVE A LITTLE DACHSHUND MIX. IT'S A --
22 THIS LITTLE DACHSHUND IS BIG ON THE MIX. IT'S THREE YEARS OLD.
23 HER NAME IS LILY AND SHE'S LOOKING FOR A NICE HOME. IF
24 ANYBODY'S WATCHING ON TELEVISION YOU CAN CALL AREA CODE 562--
25 HI LILY, --728-4644 AND LITTLE LILY CAN BE YOURS. SO ANYBODY



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1 WOULD LIKE LITTLE LILY, SHE'S THREE YEARS OLD, LOOKING FOR A
2 HOME.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, ARE THERE ANY OTHER -- SUPERVISOR
5 YAROSLAVSKY, DID YOU HAVE ANY PRESENTATIONS?

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I DON'T THINK SUPERVISOR MOLINA HAD
10 ANY. ALL RIGHT. FOR SPECIALS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP
11 FIRST. ISN'T HE UP FIRST, HIS DISTRICT, FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME MAKE SOME ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. FIRST,
14 RUTH D'ANGELO WAKACHETTA, PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 72. SHE
15 WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE ITALIAN WOMEN'S CLUB FOR 53 YEARS,
16 DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY, ALSO INVOLVED IN THE REPUBLICAN
17 WOMEN'S CLUB. AND SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FIVE DAUGHTERS.
18 PHYLLIS EDITH BEALL OF PASADENA, QUITE ACTIVE IN THE
19 COMMUNITY, MOTHER OF BARBARA MURRAY AND BETTY WEBSTER. ONE OF
20 THE GREAT MUSICIANS AND WIFE OF JOHNNY CASH, JUNE CARTER CASH,
21 HER -- SHE WAS A SINGER/SONGWRITER, CAME FROM A GREAT FAMILY
22 OF MUSICIANS, WHO PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE 73 THIS
23 PAST WEEK. HIAWATHA THOMSON ESTES, WHO WAS A CHICKASAW INDIAN
24 NATION MEMBER AND LONG-TIME RESIDENT OF NORTHRIDGE, PASSED
25 AWAY AT AGE 85, HE WAS A STRONG SUPPORTER OF THE UNIVERSITY OF



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1 OKLAHOMA WHERE HE WAS AWARDED THE REGION'S ALUMNI AWARD.
2 DURING WORLD WAR TWO, HE WAS A CAPTAIN WITH THE AIR FORCE 37TH
3 FIGHTER SQUADRON, AND AFTER THE WAR, HE FOUNDED THE
4 ARCHITECTURAL HOUSE AND PLAN BUSINESS, NATIONWIDE PLAN BOOK
5 WHICH LATER BECAME HIAWATHA ESTES AND ASSOCIATES. HE LEAVES
6 BEHIND HIS TWO SONS, GRANDCHILDREN AND MANY FRIENDS. ROSE
7 MARIE NESSIE, WHO OWNED THE HIGHLAND PARK GROCERY STORE FOR
8 NEARLY 50 YEARS WITH HER HUSBAND BEFORE TURNING IT INTO AN
9 OUTLET SELLING OUT OF DATE, HARD-TO-FIND FOODS, PASSED AWAY AT
10 AGE 90. RICHARD ANTHONY ROGGUS, WHO WAS AN EDUCATOR,
11 ADMINISTRATOR, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR 40 YEARS WITH THE
12 LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. ALSO QUITE ACTIVE IN THE
13 CROATIAN COMMUNITY, WAS A NAVAL FIGHTER PILOT DURING WORLD WAR
14 TWO, AND A DEVOUT FAMILY MAN. DONNA HAY SCHULTZ, A LONG-TIME
15 RESIDENT OF GLENDALE AND PASADENA, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 10TH.
16 SHE WAS 67. SHE WAS QUITE ACTIVE IN THE CHORALE GROUPS,
17 INCLUDING THE LOS ANGELES MASTER CHORALE, SHE WAS ALSO ACTIVE
18 IN MANY PHILANTHROPIC GROUPS, INCLUDING OAK MOCK LEE, HAD BEEN
19 A BOARD MEMBER OF L.A. MASTERS' CHORALE FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS
20 AND SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER LOVING HUSBAND DAVID, GOOD FRIENDS
21 AND MANY OTHER CLOSE FRIENDS. AND ROBERT STACK, WHO PASSED
22 AWAY THIS WEEK AS WELL AT THE AGE OF 84. I ATTENDED THE DINNER
23 WITH ROBERT STACK ON I BELIEVE IT WAS SATURDAY WHEN THEY WERE
24 HONORING JOHNNY GRANT AT HIS 80TH BIRTHDAY, AND THAT WAS THE
25 LAST PUBLIC EVENT THAT ROBERT AND HIS WIFE, ROSEMARY -- ROSE



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1 MARIE, ATTENDED, AND I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN THEIR MEMORY.
2 AND MR. JANSSEN, ON THE PRESS REPORT TODAY IS THAT LOCAL
3 GOVERNMENTS ARE REIMBURSED FOR POSTING BROWN NOTICES, BROWN
4 ACT NOTICES. HOW MUCH ARE WE REIMBURSED?

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR, I'LL HAVE TO ASK THE
7 AUDITOR ON THAT. THE FIGURE IN THE PAPER WAS 22 MILLION
8 STATEWIDE, I THINK. THE ARTICLE IS ABOUT THE GOVERNOR'S MAY
9 REVISE. HE'S PROPOSING TO SUSPEND AND/OR REPEAL 34 MANDATES AS
10 A WAY TO CUT THEIR OBLIGATION TO REIMBURSE US FOR MANDATES.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE ACTUALLY SENT IN A -- ANY TIME --

13

14 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT DO YOU -- YOU CHARGE A PERSON WHO PASTES
17 A FLIER ON THEIR FRONT DOOR?

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19 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NO. I'M -- I'M SURE IT'S MORE COMPLICATED THAN
20 THAT, BUT I'LL HAVE TO ASK THE AUDITOR, WHO FILES THE SB-90
21 CLAIMS EXACTLY WHAT IS INVOLVED IN THAT AND HOW MUCH WE HAVE
22 BEEN RECEIVING FROM THE STATE. BUT WE WILL HAVE -- WOULD HAVE
23 BEEN RECEIVING EXCEPT THEY STOPPED PAYING, SB-90
24 REIMBURSEMENTS FOR MANY OF THOSE PROGRAMS THAT HE'S CUTTING,
25 OR PROPOSING TO SUSPEND, INCLUDING THAT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OF ALL THE ISSUES THEY SHOULD REIMBURSE US
3 FOR, HAVING US POST THE NOTICE AND GET REIMBURSED FOR IT SEEMS
4 A LITTLE SCREWY.

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6 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WELL, IT'S AMAZING THAT THEY'RE REIMBURSING US
7 AT ALL, SUPERVISOR.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW.

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11 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** BUT THE LAW REQUIRES THEM TO REIMBURSE US A
12 LOT MORE THAN THEY HAVE BEEN, SO THE FACT THAT THEY'VE BEEN
13 DOING IT AT ALL IS REMARKABLE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, AND THERE ARE AREAS WHERE THEY OUGHT
16 TO BE REIMBURSING US AND THEY DON'T.

17

18 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** AND THEY'RE NOT, THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH IS A LEGITIMATE REIMBURSEMENT ISSUE,
21 THAT'S WHAT I FIND QUITE INTERESTING. YESTERDAY WE RECEIVED
22 FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION THE REPORT FROM -- AND IT
23 WAS FROM LARRY ROBERTS, CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH
24 COMMISSION TO DR. FIELDING ON THE COUNTY TASKFORCE ON
25 OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY AS IT RELATES TO DIABETES AND CANCER,



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1 AND IN HIS LETTER, WHICH HE SENT TO EACH OF THE SUPERVISORS,
2 THEY'RE ASKING THAT THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION, THEY'RE
3 RECOMMENDING THAT A COMMISSION BE CREATED. THEY STATE THAT
4 RECENT STUDIES INDICATE THERE'S A NEW EPIDEMIC OF OVERWEIGHT
5 AND OBESITY IN THE COUNTRY. MOST OF THESE STUDIES DETERMINE
6 THAT OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY ACCOUNT FOR 20% OF ALL CANCER
7 DEATHS IN WOMEN AND 14% IN MEN IN THE UNITED STATES. IN THE
8 YEAR 2000, ABOUT 65% OF U.S. ADULTS WERE OVERWEIGHT OR OBESE,
9 ACCORDING TO THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION,
10 31% WERE OBESE. OBESITY AND INACTIVITY OFTEN CONTRIBUTE TO
11 DIABETES. A RECENT REPORT INDICATES THAT ONE IN 16 CALIFORNIA
12 ADULTS, 1.4 MILLION PEOPLE HAS DIABETES, ACCORDING TO A SURVEY
13 BY THE U.C.L.A. CENTER FOR HEALTH POLICY. TO ADDRESS THE
14 PROBLEM IN L.A. COUNTY, THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION
15 RECOMMENDS THE APPOINTMENT OF A TASKFORCE TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE
16 OF OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY, THE TASKFORCE SHOULD INCLUDE THE
17 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF AS WELL AS
18 REPRESENTATIVES FROM COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING
19 NURSES AND NUTRITIONISTS AND THE COMMISSION, THEY SAY, WILL BE
20 PLEASED TO ASSIST IN ANY POSSIBLE WAY, SO I'D LIKE TO PUT THIS
21 ON THE AGENDA FOR NEXT WEEK AS A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE
22 COUNTY'S PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION'S REQUEST ON THIS
23 COMMISSION.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FOR NEXT WEEK.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THE -- LET'S SEE, ISSUE NUMBER 47 --

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** A COUPLE PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. ED
5 MARZEC WAS ONE -- THE PERSON WHO HELD THAT, AND WE WOULD ALSO
6 LIKE TO ASK JOHN NICKERSON AND KATHERYN SHEFFIELD TO COME
7 FORWARD. DON ANDERSON. WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

8

9 **DON ANDERSON:** ANDERSON.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU PUT IN A CARD FOR THIS ITEM?

12

13 **DON ANDERSON:** YES, I DID.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'LL ADD YOU TO THE NAMES. JUST
16 WHY DON'T YOU JUST HAVE A SEAT RIGHT THERE IF YOU HAVE A CARD.
17 JUST -- WELL THERE ARE GOING TO BE ANOTHER SET OF PEOPLE COME
18 UP. ALL RIGHT. YES. MR. MARZEC. PLEASE, STATE YOUR NAME,
19 PLEASE.

20

21 **ED MARZEC:** MADAM CHAIRMAN, BOARD MEMBERS, I'M ED MARZEC, I
22 REPRESENT CONTINENTAL CURRENCY. CONTINENTAL CURRENCY IS ONE OF
23 THE CURRENT OPERATORS OF THE CASH DISTRIBUTION FOR THE FAIR
24 PROGRAM, AND IT IS, AS YOU KNOW, THE ITEM NUMBER IS GOING TO
25 PROPOSE A CHANGE IN THAT PROCESS. WE CERTAINLY DO NOT OPPOSE



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1 CHANGE FOR GOOD AND CERTAINLY WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO
2 PROGRESSIVE ACTIONS. HOWEVER, THIS CHANGE MAY BE A LITTLE
3 PREMATURE AND CERTAINLY DONE WITHOUT PROPER EVALUATION, AND WE
4 WOULD ONLY ASK THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THAT CERTAIN ITEMS MAY
5 BE LOOKED AT AND CONSIDERED. FOR EXAMPLE, WE NOW HAVE COVERAGE
6 AND BY 98 OUTLETS IN THE COUNTY AND THAT WORKS OUT TO HAVE 86%
7 OF THE RECIPIENTS WITHIN ONE TO THREE MILES OF AN OUTLET. AND
8 PEOPLE IN THE INNER CITY HAVE A DIFFICULT TIME TRAVELING, AND
9 SO THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT FACTOR. I BELIEVE IT'S EVEN HIGHER
10 IN YOUR DISTRICT, MADAM CHAIR. THE OTHER ISSUE IS SECURITY.
11 CURRENTLY, THE 98 OUTLETS THAT ARE USED HAVE A REQUIREMENT BY
12 THE COUNTY THAT THEY HAVE VIDEO CAMERAS, THAT THEY HAVE
13 SECURITY GUARDS, AND THAT THERE IS SECURITY FOR THE
14 RECIPIENTS. UNDER THE NEW PROGRAM, THERE WILL BE NO
15 REQUIREMENTS TO HAVE SECURITY GUARDS OR OUTSIDE SECURITY, AND
16 THIS BURDEN WILL FALL UPON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND LOCAL
17 POLICE AGENCIES, AND AS WE ALL KNOW, THEY'RE OVERWORKED RIGHT
18 NOW AND THEIR BUDGETS ARE BEING CUT BACK, AND SO THIS WOULD BE
19 AN ADDED BURDEN. WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE HAVE OVER 250,000
20 CASES GIVING OUT OVER \$100 MILLION EVERY MONTH AND WE HOPE
21 THAT THE FEW QUESTIONS THAT WE'VE BROUGHT UP WILL BE ADDRESSED
22 AND THAT IF WE COULD CONTINUE THIS MATTER FOR A WEEK OR TWO OR
23 SEVERAL WEEKS TO GIVE US TIME TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES, IT
24 WOULD BE APPRECIATED. I KNOW THE BOARD HAS UNTIL JUNE 20TH TO



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1 ACT ON THIS MATTER, SO THERE'S PLENTY OF TIME. THANK YOU VERY
2 MUCH.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

5

6 **JOHN NICKERSON:** THANK YOU. JOHN NICKERSON WITH CONTINENTAL
7 CURRENCY. THERE ARE SOME ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS WE BELIEVE THAT
8 YOU SHOULD ASK AS YOU LOOK AT THE CASH ACCESS PLAN THAT'S BEEN
9 PRESENTED TO YOU. ONE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE AMOUNT OF CASH THAT
10 THEY'RE SHOWING AVAILABLE TO THE CLIENTS HAS BEEN OVER
11 INFLATED. WE BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF MOM
12 AND POP LIQUOR STORES, GROCERY STORES THAT HAVE BEEN
13 IDENTIFIED AS CHECK-CASHING LOCATIONS THAT ARE NOT LICENSED AS
14 CHECK CASHERS BUT ARE BEING SHOWN IN THE PLAN TO REFLECT A
15 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF CASH. WE BELIEVE THAT THEY SHOULD BE
16 LISTED AS A GROCERY STORE, BUT IF SOMEONE IS GOING TO BE
17 LISTED IN THE CASH ACCESS PLAN AS A CHECK-CASHING STORE THAT
18 THEY SHOULD BE LICENSED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND
19 REGULATED, AS YOU HAVE REQUIRED IN THE PAST. WE ALSO BELIEVE
20 THAT THE A.T.M. CASH THAT IS BEING REFLECTED IS OVER-INFLATED
21 BECAUSE THEY MAKE AN ASSUMPTION THAT EACH A.T.M. IS FILLED
22 WITH CASH EVERY NIGHT, AND WE ALL KNOW THAT A.T.M.S ARE FILLED
23 WHEN THEY RUN OUT, AND WE BELIEVE THAT IF YOU REDUCE THE
24 AMOUNT OF CASH BASED ON WHEN THE A.T.M.S RUN OUT OF CASH, THAT
25 YOU WOULD HAVE MORE THAN 50,000 CLIENTS THAT WOULD NOT BE ABLE



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1 TO RECEIVE THEIR MONEY. AND WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CASH ACCESS
2 PLAN THAT'S BEEN PROVIDED, IT DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR A
3 HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE CLIENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT THE COUNTY,
4 WHEN THEY IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM, HAS TO GUARANTEE THAT A HUNDRED
5 PERCENT OF THE CLIENTS WILL BE ABLE TO RECEIVE THEIR CASH. WE
6 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, WE THINK THESE QUESTIONS SHOULD BE
7 ANSWERED BEFORE THE COUNTY APPROVES THE PROGRAM. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. COULD WE ASK TOBY
10 ROTHCHILD AND --

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, MADAM CHAIR, CAN I JUST ASK HIM
13 A QUESTION, CAN I DO THAT AT THIS TIME?

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** BEFORE YOU GO ON TO THE NEXT? HOW DOES ONE
18 GET CASH FROM YOU? FROM ONE OF YOUR FACILITIES?

19

20 **JOHN NICKERSON:** THEY COME IN WITH THEIR FAIR ISSUANCE CARD.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU EVER RUN OUT OF CASH?

23

24 **JOHN NICKERSON:** NO, NEVER.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NEVER?

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3 **JOHN NICKERSON:** NEVER. IT'S OUR BUSINESS TO HAVE CASH. WE
4 NEVER RUN OUT OF CASH.

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW, I -- I DON'T KNOW WHETHER A.T.M.S
7 RUN OUT OF CASH OR NOT, BUT I'VE NEVER -- I'VE BEEN USING
8 A.T.M.S FOR YEARS AND I'VE NEVER ONCE HAD AN A.T.M. THAT
9 DIDN'T HAVE CASH IN IT.

10

11 **JOHN NICKERSON:** WELL WE'RE NOT -- IN TODAY'S ENVIRONMENT,
12 WE'RE NOT ISSUING \$104 MILLION WORTH OF WELFARE BENEFITS IN
13 THE EXISTING A.T.M.S. THAT'S A LOT OF CASH.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IF YOU WERE RUNNING THE A.T.M. MACHINES, DO
16 YOU THINK YOU WOULD ADJUST FOR THAT?

17

18 **JOHN NICKERSON:** I DON'T THINK I CAN ADJUST ENOUGH FOR IT. I
19 CERTAINLY CAN'T PAY FOR AN ARMORED TRUCK TO DELIVER AND FILL
20 IT UP WITH CASH EVERY DAY. I COULDN'T AFFORD IT.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL YOU PAY -- YOU APPARENTLY PAY FOR AN
23 ARMORED TRUCK TO FILL YOUR PLACE UP WITH CASH EVERY DAY, YOU
24 HAVE FEWER LOCATIONS THAN THE A.T.M. LOCATIONS, SO IT'S NOT --



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1 PER LOCATION, IT'S NOT AS MUCH CASH, SO SOMEHOW YOU CAN DO IT.

2 WHY CAN'T THE A.T.M.S DO IT?

3

4 **JOHN NICKERSON:** WELL, IT'S NOT THE A.T.M., IT'S THE A.T.M.

5 OWNER AND THE COST OF IT.

6

7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH I KNOW IT. THANKS FOR CLARIFYING THAT

8 FOR ME. I MUST HAVE BEEN -- ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT. I'M GOING TO CALL ON

11 KATHLEEN SHEFFIELD, AND WE'D LIKE TO ASK TOBY ROTHCHILD AND

12 HELENE HENDERSON -- HALEEMAH HENDERSON TO COME FORWARD, THEN

13 WE'LL CALL MR. ANDERSON. I DON'T HAVE A CARD FOR HIM YET,

14 BUT...

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16 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE].

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL CALL YOU NEXT.

19

20 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE].

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY.

23

24 **KATHY SHEFFIELD:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS KATHY SHEFFIELD AND

25 I'M A STAFF ATTORNEY AT NEIGHBORHOOD LEGAL SERVICES. I



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1 REPRESENT PEOPLE ON GOVERNMENT BENEFITS, BOTH STATE AND
2 FEDERAL BENEFITS. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR TAKING THIS
3 ISSUE SERIOUSLY AND FOR -- AND FOR REALLY DOING THE KIND OF
4 PROPER EVALUATION OF THE CASH ACCESS PLAN AND MAKING SURE THAT
5 THERE IS ENOUGH CASH AVAILABLE UNDER THIS PLAN SO THAT
6 RECIPIENTS CAN ACCESS THEIR BENEFITS, AND I ALSO WANT TO URGE
7 YOU TO APPROVE E.B.T. AND CASH. THIS WILL MARK -- THIS WILL
8 MAKE A GREAT IMPROVEMENT FOR RECIPIENTS OF CALWORKS BENEFITS
9 AND THE OTHER BENEFITS THAT WILL BE ON E.B.T. PEOPLE WILL BE
10 ABLE TO ACCESS THEIR BENEFITS AT LOW OR NO COST. THE BIG CHUNK
11 OF MONEY THAT PEOPLE SPEND CASHING THEIR CHECKS EACH MONTH CAN
12 BE BETTER SPENT ON ITEMS FOR THEIR FAMILY, AND I ALSO WANT TO
13 SAY SOMETHING ABOUT SECURITY AND AS YOU DO YOUR PROPER
14 EVALUATION OF THE PLAN, I'M SURE THAT YOU'RE AWARE THAT PEOPLE
15 CAN ACCESS CASH DURING DAYTIME HOURS, INDOORS, THEY CAN GET
16 CASH BACK FROM PURCHASES THEY MAKE THAT -- AND I'M SURE YOU'RE
17 AWARE THAT THE COUNTY IS GIVING VERY GOOD ADVICE TO PEOPLE ON
18 PERSONAL SAFETY WHEN THEY ACCESS THE CASH, THE SAME KIND OF
19 ADVICE THAT WE ALL USE WHEN WE ACCESS OUR OWN MONEY THROUGH
20 A.T.M. MACHINES. AND JUST ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
21 TAKING THIS ISSUE SERIOUSLY AND I WANT TO URGE YOU THAT THIS
22 WILL BE AN IMPROVEMENT FOR RECIPIENTS OF BENEFITS. THANK YOU.
23
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME,
25 PLEASE.



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1
2 **TOBY ROTHCHILD:** YES. MY NAME IS TOBY ROTHCHILD, I'M THE
3 GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE LEGAL AID FOUNDATION OF LOS ANGELES AND
4 CO-CHAIR OF THE COUNTY E.B.T. ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SPEAKING
5 TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE CASH ACCESS WORKING GROUP, WHICH IS A
6 SUBGROUP OF ADVOCATES WITHIN THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE THAT
7 FOCUSED SPECIFICALLY ON THE CASH ACCESS PLAN AND THE DECISION
8 THAT YOU'RE FACING TODAY. FIRST, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE
9 SUPERVISORS AND THE DEPUTIES FOR THE WORK THAT THEY'VE DONE IN
10 GETTING US HERE. THE PLAN THAT IS PRESENTED TODAY,
11 PARTICULARLY IN THE FIRST AND SECOND DISTRICTS, BUT THROUGHOUT
12 THE COUNTY, IS SIGNIFICANTLY BETTER THAN IT WAS SIX WEEKS AGO
13 WHEN WE SAW IT LAST. WE URGE YOU TO ADOPT THIS ITEM AND
14 APPROVE PUTTING CASH BENEFITS ON THE E.B.T. CARD. INSTEAD OF
15 99 HIGH-COST LOCATIONS FOR ACCESSING BENEFITS, THERE WILL BE
16 OVER 5,000 LOCATIONS, MANY LOW COST OR FREE, WHERE RECIPIENTS
17 CAN RECEIVE THEIR BENEFITS. THE PLAN IS VERY GOOD, BUT IT'S
18 NOT PERFECT, AND THERE'S STILL A HANDFUL OF AREAS THAT ARE NOT
19 AS GOOD AS THEY SHOULD BE. THERE ARE SURROUNDING AREAS AROUND
20 THOSE THAT DO HAVE ADEQUATE CASH, EVEN FOR THOSE AREAS, BUT
21 EVERY PLACE IN THE COUNTY OUGHT TO BE ABLE TO HAVE ENOUGH CASH
22 AVAILABLE. SO WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE TO HOLD THE STATE AND
23 D.P.S.S.'S FEET TO THE FIRE, TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY AREA OF
24 THE COUNTY MEETS NOT ONLY THE STATE'S CRITERIA, BUT ALSO THE



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1 COUNTY'S MORE RIGOROUS TESTS FOR ADEQUATE ACCESS. THANK YOU
2 VERY MUCH FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. ALL RIGHT, HALEEMAH?

5

6 **HALEEMAH HENDERSON:** HI MY NAME IS HALEEMAH HENDERSON. I'M AN
7 ORGANIZER WITH STRATEGIC ACTIONS FOR A JUST ECONOMY AND ALSO
8 PART OF THE CASH ACCESS WORKING GROUP WITH AVKITS. AND I
9 REALLY WANTED TO IMPRESS UPON THE BOARD TO CONTINUE THE WORK
10 WITH BANKS TO GET THEM TO PROVIDE SURCHARGE-FREE ACCESS FOR
11 E.B.T., AND ALSO TO REALLY HOLD CITIBANK ACCOUNTABLE FOR
12 PROVIDING BANKING SERVICES THAT WILL SERVE LOW INCOME
13 COMMUNITIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES, AND ALSO WE'VE BEEN TALKING TO THE
16 POST OFFICE, TOO, IF THERE IS A SHORTAGE IN TERMS OF
17 FACILITIES. IN LOOKING AT MY DISTRICT, I KNOW IN THE PILOT
18 PROGRAM, THERE ARE TWO LITTLE AREAS OF THE PILOT PROGRAM THAT
19 ARE IN A ZIP CODE WHERE IT APPEARS IT'S ONLY 69% CASH
20 AVAILABILITY. HOWEVER, IN JUST ACROSS THE STREET, THAT ZIP
21 CODE, THERE'S 315% READY, AND IN THE NEXT ONE ON THE OTHER
22 SIDE, IT'S 200%, SO I MEAN IT'S A MATTER OF THEM GOING TWO
23 BLOCKS ADDITIONALLY TO GET INTO AN AREA THAT DOES HAVE A HIGH
24 PERCENTAGE. SO I THINK THAT WE HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT. HOWEVER,
25 I WILL INTRODUCE AN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE REQUIRED



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1 THAT THE E.B.T. CASH BENEFIT SYSTEM WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON A
2 HUNDRED PERCENT AVAILABILITY OF CASH AVAILABILITY WITHIN A
3 REASONABLE DISTANCE FOR EVERY RECIPIENT. I'D LIKE TO ASK THE
4 DEPARTMENT HEAD, BRYCE YOKOMIZO, TO COME FORWARD. THANK YOU
5 VERY MUCH. AND TO RESPOND TO SOME OF THE QUESTIONS THAT HAVE
6 BASICALLY BEEN ASKED AND ABOUT THE CASH AVAILABILITY AND HOW -
7 - WHAT THEY HAVE DONE TO LOOK AT IT AND WHERE THEY'RE GOING IN
8 TERMS OF OTHER FACILITIES.

9

10 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO, DIR., DEPT. OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES:** MADAM
11 CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, BRYCE YOKOMIZO, DEPARTMENT OF
12 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. SOME GOOD POINTS HAVE BEEN MADE TODAY
13 BY MEMBERS OF THE ADVOCATE GROUP. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT WE
14 HAVE GOOD CASH ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY FOR OUR WELFARE
15 PARTICIPANTS. THE WAY THAT WELFARE BENEFITS ARE GOING TO BE
16 DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IS GOING TO
17 DRAMATICALLY CHANGE VERY SOON. WE'RE CURRENTLY GIVING OUT FOOD
18 STAMP COUPONS AT OUR SUPERMARKETS AND THAT IS GOING TO CHANGE
19 TO THIS NEW BENEFIT DEBIT CARD THAT WE HAVE DISTRIBUTED TO
20 EACH ONE OF YOU. THIS CARD IS GOING TO AUTOMATICALLY DEBIT THE
21 FOOD STAMP ACCOUNTS OF OUR PARTICIPANTS SO THAT THERE WILL BE
22 NO NEED FOR AN EXCHANGE OF PAPER FOOD STAMP COUPONS.
23 ADDITIONALLY, EACH COUNTY WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF ALSO ISSUING
24 CASH THROUGH THE SAME ELECTRONIC BENEFIT SYSTEM. THE CRITICAL
25 ISSUE IS WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO ISSUE CASH



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1 THROUGH OUR EXISTING 98 CHECK CASHERS OR WHETHER OR NOT WE'RE
2 GOING TO AFFORD THE OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR WELFARE PARTICIPANTS
3 TO USE OVER 5,400 DIFFERENT LOCATIONS, A.T.M.S, AND OTHER
4 POINT OF SERVICES DEVICES IN ORDER TO ACCESS THEIR BENEFITS.
5 THERE'S ALSO A FINANCIAL INCENTIVE FOR THE COUNTY TAKING PART
6 IN THIS NEW SYSTEM WILL SAVE THE COUNTY APPROXIMATELY \$11.5
7 MILLION IN NET COUNTY COSTS OVER THE NEXT SEVEN YEARS OF
8 IMPLEMENTATION, AND I WOULD RECOMMEND YOUR ADOPTION OF THE
9 E.B.T. PLAN AND THE CASH ACCESS BENEFITS FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HAVE YOU SEEN MY AMENDMENT?

12

13 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** YES SUPERVISOR I HAVE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, DO YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEM WITH
16 THAT?

17

18 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR I DON'T, I THINK YOUR MOTION --
19 YOUR AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION I THINK IS WELL-FOUNDED AND IT
20 WOULD ENSURE THAT WE DO HAVE ADEQUATE ACCESS THROUGHOUT THE
21 COUNTY.

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE SURE THERE'S CASH, AND
24 YOU'LL MONITOR THIS TO SEE IF THEY'RE GIVING OUT CASH AT
25 VARIOUS PLACES. I WOULD THINK THAT BANKS, THEY BRING CASH IN



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1 AND OUT EVERY DAY, SO I DON'T KNOW WHERE THERE WOULD BE SUCH A
2 BIG PROBLEM, BUT LET'S SEE. YOU CAN NEVER TELL. WE NEVER KNOW
3 HOW THESE THINGS WORK.

4

5 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WELL THAT'S -- THAT'S THE PURPOSE OF OUR NOT
6 GOING FULL FORCE THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY, BUT RATHER ON A
7 PILOT BASIS MADAM CHAIR.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DID
10 YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. ANY
11 OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT. IS THERE A MOTION? ALL RIGHT. ALL
12 RIGHT. MOVED AND SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NUMBER 104-B, COULD HAVE CARLOS JACKSON,
15 DIRECTOR OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. THERE WAS A RECENT EXPOSE
16 ON TRAFFIC SCHOOLS IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, THESE ARE
17 ADMINISTERED BY THE COURTS. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNITY HOUSING
18 DEVELOPMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MONITORING OF IT. AND IN
19 THE EXPOSE THEY FOUND PEOPLE PAYING OFF DRIVING SCHOOL
20 INSTRUCTORS IN LIEU OF TAKING A COURSE REQUIRED BY LAW AND
21 THEN FIND OUT THAT THERE IS ONLY -- THERE ARE ONLY, WHAT, SIX
22 PEOPLE WHO WORK HALFTIME, SO THAT MEANS THERE ARE THREE
23 INSPECTORS. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY IS IT THAT AN UNDERCOVER
24 INVESTIGATION REVEALS WHAT'S TAKING PLACE AND WE ARE UNABLE TO
25 DO THAT WITH THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE.



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2 **CARLOS JACKSON, EXEC. DIR., COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION:**

3 SUPERVISOR, IF I COULD JUST TAKE A FEW SECONDS TO EXPLAIN THE

4 FRAMEWORK THAT WE WORK -- WE OPERATE UNDER ON BEHALF OF THE

5 COURT, BECAUSE IN REALITY, IT'S A -- WE'RE AN AGENT OF THE

6 COURTS TO LOOK AT THIS. PRIOR TO US ASSUMING RESPONSIBILITY,

7 THERE WAS A PERIOD OF TIME THAT SCHOOLS WERE NOT MONITORED. IT

8 WAS A NONPROFIT AGENCY THAT HAD BEEN FUNDED BY THE -- BY THE

9 BOARD AND BY THE COURTS ON THIS MATTER. THEY ASKED US IF WE

10 COULD LOOK AT WAYS TO CREATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR

11 PUBLIC HOUSING AND SECTION A RESIDENTS TO GET EMPLOYED. WE

12 STARTED DEVELOPING -- WE DEVELOPED A CONTRACT WITH THE COURTS

13 THAT SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT WE WERE TO MONITOR THE TRAFFIC

14 SCHOOL AND WHICH REALLY MEANT TO LOOK AT THE CLASSROOM

15 INSTRUCTION, AND BASICALLY AROUND THE ISSUE OF BUILDING -- YOU

16 KNOW, THE CLASSROOM WAS IT LOCATED AT THE PROPER ADDRESS, ET

17 CETERA, AS WELL, TO GO INTO THE CLASSROOM AND TO MAKE A

18 DETERMINATION IF THE CURRICULUM WAS BEING FOLLOWED, WAS THERE

19 A LICENSED INSTRUCTOR, THOSE KIND OF THINGS. THROUGH THAT

20 PROCESS, WE WOULD DETECT MAYBE SOME ADMINISTRATIVE

21 DEFICIENCIES THAT WE ASKED THE -- THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS TO

22 CORRECT OR IF WE DETECTED SOME KIND OF QUESTIONABLE BEHAVIOR,

23 WE WOULD REPORT THAT BACK TO THE COURTS. WE DID NOT HAVE, AND

24 WE STILL DON'T HAVE INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY TO -- LIKE

25 UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION. THAT HAS BEEN HISTORICALLY DENIED TO



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1 THE HOUSING AUTHORITY. ON THOSE KIND OF MATTERS, THEY'RE
2 REFERRED TO THE D.M.V., IN SOME CASES TO THE DISTRICT
3 ATTORNEY. AS RECENTLY AS LAST WEEK, IN TALKING WITH JUDGE
4 DAVIS ATELL, WHO'S THE SUPER -- SUPERVISING JUDGE FOR CENTRAL
5 TRAFFIC COURT, IT STILL HAS REMAINED HIS POSITION THAT WE ARE
6 NOT AUTHORIZED TO DO THAT KIND OF INVESTIGATION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS SOMEBODY HERE FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT? IS
9 THERE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE SUPERIOR COURT? COULD WE GET
10 SOMEBODY --

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** COULD I JUST --

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GO ON, GO ON.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** THE SCHOOLS IN QUESTION, ARE THEY STILL OPEN?

17

18 **CARLOS JACKSON:** AS OF TODAY, THE THREE SCHOOLS THAT WERE
19 IDENTIFIED IN THE NEWS REPORT WERE STILL IN BUSINESS TODAY.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION --

22

23 **CARLOS JACKSON:** SUPERVISOR, I KNOW THAT THE ISSUE THAT WE COME
24 -- WE WERE CONFRONTED WITH IS THAT WE'RE REQUIRED TO MONITOR
25 THE SCHOOLS EVERY 90 DAYS, WHICH IS BASICALLY THE CLASSROOM



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1 ENVIRONMENT. WE SHOW UP RANDOMLY INTO THE CLASSROOM, AND WE
2 HAVE TO IDENTIFY OURSELF TO THE INSTRUCTOR UP-FRONT WHO WE
3 ARE, AND THEN THEY -- THEY HAVE A CHECKLIST THEY GO THROUGH,
4 YOU KNOW, AND RECORD THAT EXPERIENCE. HOWEVER, WE DON'T DO
5 ANYTHING BEYOND THAT. NOW, THE FAULT THAT WAS REPORTED, WHICH
6 I THOUGHT, YOU KNOW, WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE, WAS DONE AFTER
7 THOSE KIND OF EVENTS, THEY'RE -- THEY'RE -- WE'RE NOT THERE TO
8 DETECT THAT KIND OF BEHAVIOR.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT DO YOU NOT AGREE THAT YOU OUGHT TO BE?
11 BECAUSE YOU COULD HAVE A WONDERFUL FACILITY, BUT IF THEY'RE
12 COMMITTING FRAUD OUT OF THE BACK DOOR, THE INTENT OF THE LAW
13 IS BEING VIOLATED.

14

15 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THE ISSUE OF ENFORCEMENT IS
16 SOMETHING THAT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED PREVIOUSLY AS TO OUR
17 ABILITY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, IF YOU CAN ONLY CHECK
20 ON THE FACILITIES AND YOU DON'T HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO THE
21 UNDERCOVER INVESTIGATION, THEN WHY DID YOU SEND A LETTER TO
22 ALL THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS TELLING THEM THAT THERE WAS AN
23 INVESTIGATION GOING ON?

24



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1 **CARLOS JACKSON:** THE SAME DAY THAT I SENT THE -- I MEAN I
2 DIDN'T BUT MY STAFF, WHICH I WAS AWARE OF, THAT WE HAD
3 NOTIFIED THE BOARD ABOUT THE CONVERSATION MY STAFF HAD WITH
4 THE REPORTER. OUR LETTER TO THE DIFFERENT SCHOOLS WAS JUST A
5 REAL GENERAL LETTER, NOT REFERENCING ANY TYPE OF --

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO IT WAS -- I READ THE LETTER.

8

9 **CARLOS JACKSON:** OKAY.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IT HAD SOME SPECIFICS THAT THERE WAS, YOU
12 KNOW, AN INVESTIGATION GOING ON.

13

14 **CARLOS JACKSON:** NO, SUPERVISOR WE DIDN'T USE --

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU HAVE THE LETTER THERE?

17

18 **CARLOS JACKSON:** YEAH, AND I THINK WE WERE GOING TO DISTRIBUTE
19 IT. WE JUST REFERENCED THAT THERE WAS A -- THAT THERE WAS A
20 STORY ON THE TRAFFIC SCHOOL INDUSTRY --

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT. YOU SAID YOU'VE BEEN INFORMED BY
23 CHANNEL 2, KCBS, THAT THERE ARE PLANS TO AIR A STORY ON
24 TRAFFIC SCHOOLS IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA, WE HAVE NOT
25 BEEN INFORMED OF THE NATURE OR CONTENT OF THIS STORY, AND THE



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1 LETTER WILL ONLY SERVE AS NOTIFICATION TO ALL TRAFFIC SCHOOL
2 OWNERS THAT CHANNEL 2 WILL BE COVERING THE STORY ON THE
3 TRAFFIC SCHOOL INDUSTRY, THE H.A.C.O.L.A. ALSO WANTS TO NOTIFY
4 YOU THAT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT REPORTERS MAY CONTACT YOU OR YOUR
5 STAFF REGARDING THIS STORY. THIS LETTER IS NOT INTENDED TO
6 ALARM YOU OR YOUR STAFF IN ANY WAY. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS,
7 YOU MAY CALL ME, OR ZSA ZSA SCOTT SUPERVISOR, AND THE NUMBER,
8 BUT YOU KNOW THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE COMING OUT AND GIVING
9 THEM A PROCLAMATION FOR A GOOD JOB.

10

11 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL, YOU KNOW, THE INTENT WAS IN GOOD FAITH.
12 WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO DEVELOP AND FOSTER A RELATIONSHIP WITH
13 THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO GO TO THE COURTS
16 FIRST AND SAY, YOU'RE IN CHARGE OF THE -- LET'S SAY LOOKING AT
17 FRAUD, FRAUDULENT ACTIVITIES FIRST, INSTEAD OF GOING TO THE
18 INDIVIDUALS --

19

20 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL YEAH, IN HINDSIGHT I THINK IF WE REDID
21 THE STEPS WE PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE DONE THAT BUT AT THIS
22 PARTICULAR TIME I ONLY CAN SHARE WITH YOU WHAT OUR THINKING
23 WAS AT THAT TIME THAT IT WAS REALLY WITH GOOD INTENTS JUST TO
24 LET THE TRAFFIC SCHOOLS KNOW THAT THERE WAS A -- CHANNEL 2 WAS
25 DOING A STORY, THAT WAS THE INTENT, NOT BEYOND THAT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU KNEW THEY WEREN'T THERE TO SAY WHAT
3 WONDERFUL FACILITIES AND WHAT A GREAT CURRICULUM YOU'RE GOING
4 TO EXPERIENCE WHEN YOU BREAK THE LAW AND HAVE TO GO TO TRAFFIC
5 SCHOOL?

6

7 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME ASK FRED WHAT THE COURTS -- WOULD YOUR
10 COURT SUPPORT AMENDING A CURRENT CONTRACT WITH HOUSING
11 AUTHORITY TO ALLOW A MONITORING?

12

13 **FRED BENNETT:** WELL I THINK THIS IS A CONTRACT IN WHICH THE
14 COUNTY IS A PARTY AS WELL AND THE COUNTY COULD CERTAINLY ASK
15 FOR THAT. HISTORICALLY -- AND I HAVE NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS
16 CONTRACT, NOR IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION. BUT IN TRYING TO PROVIDE
17 SOME INFORMATION FOR THE BOARD, HISTORICALLY THIS
18 INVESTIGATIVE ROLE IS NOT THE ROLE THAT HAS BEEN PLAYED --
19 PLACED BY THESE MONITORING AGENCIES BUT HAS BEEN VESTED
20 INSTEAD IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES, WHICH DOES HAVE
21 THE AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT THOSE INVESTIGATIONS. THE STATUTES DO
22 NOT DEFINE THE TERM MONITORING, AND SO THERE IS SOME ROOM FOR
23 AMENDING THIS CONTRACT, IF THAT'S WHAT THE BOARD WANTED TO DO,
24 TO HAVE A DIFFERENT KIND OF MONITORING DONE BY THESE AGENCIES
25 WHERE THAT COULD BE DONE WITHOUT IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES. THAT



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1 WOULD REQUIRE THE ISSUANCE OF A FAKE TRAFFIC NUMBER SO THAT
2 THEY COULD SIGN UP FOR THE SCHOOL AS A NORMAL STUDENT. THAT
3 HAS NOT HISTORICALLY BEEN DONE BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT THE
4 COUNTY OR THE COURT COULD ASK UNDER THE CONTRACT AND PROVIDE
5 THE FUNDS TO BE DONE.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WELL WHAT STEPS IS THE COURT TAKING TO
8 ADDRESS THE AREA OF FRAUD?

9

10 **FRED BENNETT:** WELL, HISTORICALLY THE ROLE THAT HAS BEEN PLACED
11 BY -- PLACED ON THE COURT AND THESE AGENCIES IS TO ENSURE THAT
12 THE FACILITIES MEET THE FACILITIES FOR THE HANDICAPPED, THAT
13 THE CRITERIA MEETS THE STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS. THE
14 INVESTIGATIVE ROLE HAS BEEN DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
15 VEHICLES, SO THAT'S TO WHERE -- THAT'S WHERE THIS TYPE OF
16 INVESTIGATION SHOULD BE DIRECTED IN THE FIRST INSTANCE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE -- EACH TICKET GENERATES \$5 FOR
19 MONITORING THE SCHOOLS. WHAT GOOD IS A MONITORING SYSTEM IF IT
20 DOES NOT ALSO INCLUDE DETECTION OF FRAUD?

21

22 **FRED BENNETT:** WELL, I THINK THAT'S A RULE THE LEGISLATURE HAS
23 LOOKED AT AND VESTED PRIMARILY IN THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR
24 VEHICLES. CERTAINLY THIS INFORMATION COULD CAUSE THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS AND THE COURT TO ASK FOR A DIFFERENT KIND OF



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1 INVESTIGATION TO BE DONE BY THESE AGENCIES WITHIN THE GENERAL
2 TERM OF MONITORING. BUT THEY'RE NOT LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.
3 THEY HAVE NO POWER TO ARREST, THEY'RE NOT COVERED BY THE
4 LIABILITY PROVISIONS THAT PROTECT POLICE OFFICERS IN THAT
5 REGARD. THE LEGISLATURE HAS VESTED THAT PRIMARILY IN THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF MOTORVEHICLES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT -- WHO DETERMINES THE \$5 FEE FOR
9 INVESTIGATION? IS THAT ESTABLISHED BY THE COURT OR BY THE
10 STATE? AND DOES THE LOCAL COURT HAVE THE ABILITY TO MAKE THAT
11 A \$10 FEE TO ENHANCE THE INVESTIGATIONS?

12

13 **FRED BENNETT:** I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT
14 QUESTION. I SUSPECT THAT IT'S A STATUTORY FEE, BECAUSE RARELY
15 IS THE COURT GIVEN THE ABILITY TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF A
16 FEE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD THAT STATUTORY FEE BE ESTABLISHED
19 BY A CITY, A COUNTY OR A STATE?

20

21 **FRED BENNETT:** I SUSPECT THAT THIS IS DONE STATUTORILY BUT I
22 HONESTLY DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER. WE COULD CERTAINLY FIND THAT
23 OUT FOR YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** DON'T SOME OF THE MUNICIPALITIES HAVE
2 DIFFERENT PARKING FEES OR TRAFFIC --.

3

4 **FRED BENNETT:** THIS IS A FEE THAT'S AUTHORIZED TO BE CHARGED
5 FOR THIS ASPECT OF THE SERVICE. IT WOULDN'T BE DETERMINED BY
6 MUNICIPALITIES.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE, WHAT WOULD BE THE
9 COURT'S RECOMMENDATION?

10

11 **FRED BENNETT:** WE DON'T HAVE A POLICY. I'M NOT HERE TO MAKE A
12 POLICY RECOMMENDATION.

13

14 **CARLOS JACKSON:** SUPERVISOR IF I --.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CARLOS?

17

18 **CARLOS JACKSON:** MAY SUGGEST. AND AFTER THE STORY WE'VE BEEN
19 TALKING WITH THE COURTS, GIVEN THE CURRENT CONTRACT AND
20 ABILITY THAT WE HAVE. ONE OF THE ISSUES THAT DID COME UP ON
21 TERMS IS IT POSSIBLE TO INCREASE THE FEES; THAT PEOPLE WHO ARE
22 DEFERED TO TRAFFIC SCHOOLS, IT'S \$5. TO INCREASE IT TO DO MORE
23 PUBLIC AWARENESS ABOUT FRAUD. WE LOOKED AT EVEN IN THE
24 MATERIALS THAT ARE HANDED OUT TO THE INDIVIDUAL WHEN HE SIGNS
25 UP AT THE COURT AND PAY THE FEE, IS THERE ARE WAYS THAT WE CAN



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1 PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION IN THAT PACKET, THAT IT'S A FELONY TO
2 BUY A CERTIFICATE AS WELL AS A FELONY TO SELL A CERTIFICATE.
3 MORE AWARENESS OF WHAT THINGS ARE GOING ON. WE, AS WELL, WILL
4 USE A 800 NUMBER FOR PEOPLE TO CONTACT US WITH ANY TYPE OF A
5 TIPS, WELL, YOU KNOW, FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR AMONG THE SCHOOLS.
6 THE OTHER DIMENSION THAT -- WHERE WE GET INFORMATION FROM OUR
7 SURVEYS AND ARE FILLED OUT BY THE STUDENTS WHO GO INTO TRAFFIC
8 SCHOOL, WE GET A LOW TURNOUT ON A RETURN, AND LESS THAN 10%.
9 USUALLY THOSE SURVEYS ARE HANDED OUT WHEN YOU PAY THE FEE AT
10 THE COURT. WE'RE TRYING TO WORK WITH THE COURTS TO TRY TO
11 IDENTIFY A WAY THAT WE COULD GET A LARGER RETURN SO WE CAN
12 POTENTIALLY GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING AND
13 THEN WE CAN FOLLOW UP ON THOSE KIND OF REFERRALS. AND THEN ON
14 OUR OWN WEBSITE, AT THE C.D.C. WEB SITE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE
15 THE LINKS OF SOMEONE AS WELL CAN USE THE INTERNET TO INFORM US
16 ABOUT ANY FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT IF THE FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR IS BEING DONE
19 BY THE INSTRUCTOR AND THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVED THE
20 CITATION, THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVED THE CITATION IS NOT
21 GOING TO CALL THAT 800 NUMBER AND REPORT THE FRAUD THAT'S
22 TAKING PLACE.

23

24 **CARLOS JACKSON:** NO THAT'S WHY I WAS SAYING AT THE BEGINNING
25 THAT THERE ARE -- WE HAVE PROCEDURES TO LOOK AT THE GENERAL



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1 CONDUCT OF THE SCHOOLS, TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE, IN GENERAL,
2 YOU KNOW, ARE OFFERING AND IN COMPLIANCE, WHERE WE DON'T --
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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DO YOU -- IF YOU SEE THAT THE SCHOOL WITH
5 A GREAT CURRICULUM AND GREAT INSTRUCTORS, HOW DO YOU KNOW
6 THEY'RE NOT SLIPPING ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OUT OF THE BACK DOOR
7 BY GIVING FRAUDULENT CERTIFICATES?

8
9 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL THAT'S WHY I THINK, YOU KNOW, THIS WHOLE
10 MATTER REALLY HAS BROUGHT FORWARD THIS GAP THAT WE HAVE. THAT
11 WE DO NOT HAVE THAT INVESTIGATIVE ABILITY AT THIS PRESENT
12 TIME, AND IT HASN'T BEEN GRANTED TO US. NOW THE REAL QUESTION
13 COMES IN, IF THERE IS A DESIRE AND THERE IS AN ESTABLISHMENT
14 OF THAT, ARE WE THE APPROPRIATE AGENCY TO DO THAT? I'M NOT --
15 I COULDN'T RESPOND AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, BUT WE HAVE THE
16 CAPACITY TO DO THOSE TYPES OF INVESTIGATIONS. THAT WOULD
17 DETECT THE FRAUDULENT BEHAVIOR.

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19 **FRED BENNETT:** I WOULD LIKE TO JUST ADD TO THAT POINT, THE ROLE
20 OF THE COURT'S PRIMARILY IS TO SERVE AS AN IMPARTIAL TRIBUNAL
21 FOR THESE MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT TO THE COURT. AND TO AN EXTENT
22 THEY'VE BEEN GIVEN A ROLE ADMINISTRATIVELY TO MAKE SURE THAT
23 THE CRITERIA TEACHES THE KINDS OF THINGS THAT ARE APPROPRIATE
24 FOR A TRAFFIC SCHOOL BUT PROSECUTING AGENCIES, AND
25 INVESTIGATIVE AGENCIES, AND POLICE AGENCIES ARE THE ONES WITH



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1 THE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY FOR INVESTIGATING CRIME AND
2 BRINGING IT TO THE COURTS TO BE DECIDED. THERE WOULD BE
3 NOTHING THAT WOULD PRECLUDE YOU ASKING YOUR SHERIFF OR CITY
4 POLICE AGENCIES TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS OF THIS ACTIVITY OR
5 TO ASK THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES THAT'S CHARGED WITH
6 THAT SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY TO DO A MORE EFFECTIVE
7 INVESTIGATION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND, WHY WOULD THE COURT
10 WANT TO TURN A BLIND EYE TO A PROCEDURE THAT HAS GREAT
11 OPPORTUNITIES FOR FRAUD AND ALLOW THE STATUS QUO TO CONTINUE?

12

13 **FRED BENNETT:** I THINK THE COURT WOULD WELCOME THAT INFORMATION
14 BEING PROVIDED TO IT. THE QUESTION IS, WHO IS IT THAT'S BEST
15 EQUIPPED TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION. CERTAINLY LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE. THE
17 HOUSING AUTHORITY IS NOT WELL-EQUIPPED TO DO THAT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT, SO WHY WOULDN'T YOU CONTRACT WITH THE
20 LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY TO DO THIS INSTEAD OF THE HOUSING
21 AUTHORITY, WHICH IS INVOLVED WITH HOUSING?

22

23 **FRED BENNETT:** WELL I POINT OUT, THIS IS A CONTRACT WITH THE
24 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I KNOW BUT THE CONTRACT IS WITH THE COUNTY.
2 WHY -- THE SHERIFF IS ALSO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. WHY
3 WOULDN'T THE CONTRACT BE WITH THE COUNTY SHERIFF?

4

5 **FRED BENNETT:** I -- YOU KNOW, YOU COULD CERTAINLY MAKE THAT
6 PROPOSAL BUT I'M NOT PREPARED TO --

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO I UNDERSTAND, BUT --

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10 **JOHN BENNETT:** I'LL GIVE YOU A LEGAL ANALYSIS.

11

12 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WELL SUPERVISOR, AT THE-- AT THE TIME THAT WE
13 ENTER INTO CONTRACT MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE C.A.L. AND THE
14 COURT SURVEYED THE COUNTY DEPARTMENT TO SEE WHO COULD ASSUME
15 THIS RESPONSIBILITY, AND WE WERE THE ONLY ONE THAT CAME
16 FORWARD AND THEY REALLY TALKED US INTO DEVELOPING A PROGRAM
17 FOR THIS. SO THERE WAS SOME ASSESSMENT DONE AS TO THE
18 APPROPRIATE --.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW MANY YEARS AGO WAS THAT?

21

22 **CARLOS JACKSON:** WE ENTERED INTO CONTRACT IN 1997.

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24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** '97. SO NOW WE'VE HAD SIX YEARS AND IT WOULD
25 SEEM TO ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT CONTRACT AND THAT



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1 REVIEW OUGHT TO INCLUDE THE COURTS, THE SHERIFF, AND THE
2 DEPARTMENT AND COME BACK WITH SOME RECOMMENDATIONS.

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4 **CARLOS JACKSON:** BUT ONE OF THE CRITICAL THINGS THAT REALLY
5 THIS BOARD OUGHT TO LOOK AT, AND AS WELL LOOK AT FUTURE
6 LEGISLATION, IS THAT WE HAVE TO RELY ON D.M.V. IT'S NOT A TWO-
7 WAY INTERCHANGE BETWEEN US. WE SUBMIT INFORMATION REGARDING
8 SCHOOLS' BEHAVIOR AND WE HAVE HAD CASES BEFORE THEM, STILL
9 PENDING SINCE 1998. AND SO WE DO OUR DUE DILIGENCE TO REPORT
10 SOME OF THESE FRAUDULENT BEHAVIORS, THEN WE HAVE TO RELY ON
11 D.M.V. TO TAKE ACTION. LIKE I SAID IN -- WE HAVE TWO CASES IN
12 1998, ONE CASE FROM 1999, ONE CASE FROM 2000, AND THREE CASES
13 FROM 2001. SO --.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HERE WE JUST HAD AN INVESTIGATIVE REPORT THAT
16 HAD, WHAT, THREE, FOUR, OR FIVE CASES.

17

18 **CARLOS JACKSON:** BUT SUPERVISOR KNABE ASKED -- JUST ASKED ME
19 THAT, IF THESE THREE SCHOOLS ARE STILL IN OPERATION.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** RIGHT SO -- SO THERE APPEARS TO BE A
22 BREAKDOWN IN THAT YOU'RE SAYING YOU DON'T HAVE THE
23 INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY, JUST CHECK THE FACILITY AND THE
24 CURRICULUM AND THIS WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW THAT
25 CONTRACT BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO BE FLAWED, AND HAVE AN



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1 INVESTIGATIVE BODY, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, ASSUME THAT
2 RESPONSIBILITY SO THAT YOU COULD PROSECUTE AND APPREHEND THOSE
3 WHO ARE SPECIFICALLY CREATING FRAUD?

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MR. ANTONOVICH, ARE YOU MAKING SOME
6 SUGGESTION OR A MOTION?

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE QUESTION I WOULD LIKE TO ASK THE C.A.O.,
9 THE SHERIFF, THE COURTS, AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY TO REVIEW
10 THIS -- THESE CASES OF FRAUD AND COME BACK WITH A
11 RECOMMENDATION.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** FROM TIME TO TIME, DON'T YOU REVIEW THE --
14 EACH SCHOOL AND DON'T THEY HAVE TO QUALIFY SOMEHOW?

15

16 **CARLOS JACKSON:** THE DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES ARE THE ONES
17 RESPONSIBLE FOR LICENSING THE SCHOOLS.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND --.

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21 **CARLOS JACKSON:** ALL THE AUTHORITY, I MEAN EVEN THE COURT, THE
22 ONLY AUTHORITY IS TO REMOVE THE SCHOOLS FROM THE COUNTY
23 REFERRAL LIST. BUT THEY MAY NOT BE -- THEIR LICENSE MAY NOT BE
24 REVOKED AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, SO MOTOR VEHICLE WOULD HAVE TO
2 MAKE THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER THEY WOULD CONTINUE TO
3 OPERATE AND THE APPROPRIATE THING I SUPPOSE IS THAT THE
4 COMPLAINTS BE PLACED WITH THE MOTOR VEHICLE NOT TO RENEW THEIR
5 LICENSES. BUT CAN'T YOU ALSO DO THIS ON INTERNET? CAN'T YOU
6 ALSO GO TO DRIVING SCHOOL ON INTERNET?

7

8 **CARLOS JACKSON:** THAT'S -- THAT IS THE NEW PHENOMENA, BUT THERE
9 ARE ISSUES.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH, YOU JUST GO ON TO INTERNET TO DO IT
12 AND IT'S -- I DON'T KNOW WHO CHECKS ON THE INTERNET.

13

14 **CARLOS JACKSON:** THERE IS -- THAT'S AN OPEN ARENA AT THE
15 PRESENT TIME. BECAUSE HOW DO YOU GO ABOUT CHECKING WHO TOOK
16 THE EXAM.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. YEAH RIGHT, ANYONE COULD GET ON THE
19 INTERNET ONCE THE PERSON GOES THROUGH THE -- THEIR COMPUTER.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO I'LL JUST MAKE A MOTION THAT THE C.A.O.,
22 THE COURT AND THE SHERIFF AND THE DEPARTMENT REPORT BACK IN
23 TWO WEEKS WITH A RECOMMENDATION ON CORRECTING THIS PROBLEM.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
2 ORDERED.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU. ITEM 45?

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD WE ASK -- COULD WE ASK MR. YOKOMIZO
7 TO COME FORWARD? IS THERE ANYONE WHO HAS ASKED TO TESTIFY ON
8 THIS ITEM? NO. I HAD SOME QUESTIONS ON THIS. NOW, MY
9 UNDERSTANDING IS THAT WE HAVE CERTAIN SAVINGS WE'RE SUPPOSED
10 TO GET FROM LEADER.

11

12 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THE STATE EXPECTED US TO GET \$30
15 MILLION IN SAVINGS. WE DID NOT GET THE \$30.4 MILLION, SO THAT
16 WE WERE FACED FOR SOME TIME WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF THE STATE
17 CUTTING US BY THIS AMOUNT BUT NOW THE STATE HAS SAID THEY'LL
18 ONLY CUT US \$10 MILLION.

19

20 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. THE STATE HAS
21 ACTUALLY RESTORED \$20 MILLION OF THE ORIGINAL \$30 MILLION IN
22 SAVINGS. THOSE SAVINGS DID NOT MATERIALIZE BECAUSE OF THE
23 IMPLEMENTATION BEING DELAYED IN LATER AND ALSO SOME OF THE
24 LEGACY SYSTEMS THAT WE CONTINUED TO USE. BUT THERE WAS AN



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1 ADJUSTMENT TECHNICALLY THAT WAS MADE BY THE STATE, THAT'S
2 CORRECT.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND SO WAS THIS BASED ON THE FACT THAT IT
5 WAS LATE GETTING STARTED OR WAS IT BASED UPON THEIR REVIEW --
6 I KNOW THEY HAD SOME QUESTION IN TERM OF MANUAL OVERRIDES,
7 TRAINING AND SOME OF THOSE OTHER THINGS. I KNOW I WAS IN THE
8 MEETING WITH THEM AND ALSO WITH SOME OF THE FEDERAL
9 AUTHORITIES WHO WERE ASKING ABOUT THE ISSUES IN TERMS OF
10 MANUAL, BUT MY UNDERSTANDING IS SOME PEOPLE HAVE TWO COMPUTERS
11 STILL ON THEIR DESKS.

12

13 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** IT WAS PRIMARILY DUE TO DELAYED IMPLEMENTATION
14 BUT THE STATE HAS WORKED WITH US ON THAT AND WE WOULD BE HAPPY
15 TO PROVIDE YOUR BOARD WITH A MORE DETAILED REPORT.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THESE ISSUES BEING RESOLVED?

18

19 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, WE ARE WORKING VERY, VERY CLOSELY
20 WITH UNYSIS CORPORATION AND WE FEEL VERY CONFIDENT THAT THEY
21 ARE WORKING WITH US TO GET A LOT OF THESE ISSUES RESOLVED. DAY
22 IN AND DAY OUT THE LEADER CONTINUES TO BE A WELL-WORKING
23 SYSTEM, HANDLING MORE THAN 5 MILLION TRANSACTIONS PER DAY;
24 HOWEVER IT IS NOT WHERE WE WANT IT TO BE YET AND I THINK THERE



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1 ARE SOME ADDITIONAL CHANGES THAT WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK
2 WITH UNYSIS ON, AND THEY ARE COMMITTED TO DO THAT WITH US.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, ONE OF THE REASONS WHY I HAVE
5 BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THIS IS THE AMENDMENT THAT REQUIRED
6 THESE CHANGES THAT WE'RE NOW ADDING TO THIS CONTRACT WERE TWO
7 YEARS AGO BECAME, IS MY UNDERSTANDING, THOSE AMENDMENTS WERE
8 REQUIRED TWO YEAR -- OR IT WAS INDICATED TWO YEARS AGO THAT
9 THEY WOULD BE REQUIRED. WHAT WAS ALL THE DELAY? WHY DOES IT
10 TAKE TWO YEARS? NOW WE HAVE ANOTHER SET IN NOVEMBER, RIGHT?

11

12 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THAT'S CORRECT, SUPERVISOR. WE HAVE TWO
13 ADDITIONAL AMENDMENTS THAT WE MAY BE BRINGING FORTH LATER ON
14 THIS CALENDAR YEAR; HOWEVER WITH SPECIFIC REGARD TO YOUR
15 QUESTION, THE -- IT WAS IN 1999 WHEN THE REGULATIONS WERE
16 PRESENTED AT THE END OF THAT YEAR, AS YOU MAY RECALL, THE
17 LEADER ROLLOUT WAS DELAYED AND WE ACTUALLY HAD TO PUT THAT ON
18 HOLD --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I REMEMBER THAT.

21

22 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** FOR OVER NINE MONTHS, FOR US TO DO THAT. AND
23 THERE WERE OTHER PRIORITIES IN GETTING LEADER UP THAT WERE
24 ACTUALLY MORE IMPORTANT TO WORK AND DEVOTE THE TIME TO THAN



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1 THIS PARTICULAR AMENDMENT AND THAT IS THE MAJOR REASON FOR THE
2 DELAY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LAST WEEK WE HEARD FROM SOME OF THE CLERKS
5 AT 660. AND I SUSPECT YOU HEARD THEM, WHERE THEY SAID THAT
6 THEY WERE HAVING SO MUCH DIFFICULTY WITH LEADER THAT THEY
7 STILL HAD TWO COMPUTERS ON THEIR DESK, THEY WERE STILL DOING A
8 LOT OF IT MANUALLY. HOW MUCH IS IT COSTING US? HOW MUCH ARE WE
9 REALLY SAVING AND WHAT IS THE LEVEL OF SAVINGS FROM LEADER AT
10 THIS POINT?

11

12 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THE ESTIMATED SAVINGS AT THIS POINT,
13 SUPERVISOR, AT THE ESTIMATE THAT WE WERE DISCUSSING EARLIER,
14 IS ABOUT \$11 MILLION IN SAVINGS; HOWEVER WE HAVE A LONG WAYS
15 TO GO. WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS SYSTEM AND ENSURE
16 THAT IT -- THAT THE PRIMARY ISSUE IS EASE OF USE, THAT LEADER
17 IS NOT AN EASY SYSTEM TO USE. IT HAS OVER 600 SCREENS AND
18 MULTIPLE SUBSYSTEMS AND OUR WORKERS HAVE TO NAVIGATE THAT
19 SYSTEM AND IT'S NOT AS EASY TO USE AS WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE,
20 HOWEVER WE DO HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM UNYSIS TO CONTINUE TO
21 WORK WITH US ON THIS TO MAKE THIS SYSTEM MORE AND MORE COST-
22 EFFECTIVE AS WE CONTINUE TO REFINE THE SYSTEM.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN WE DEPEND UPON THE STATE AGAIN TO GIVE
25 US LEEWAY IN TERMS OF THE AMOUNT THAT WE WERE INITIALLY



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1 SUPPOSED TO HAVE IN SAVINGS? NOW THIS TIME SEE BECAUSE WE WERE
2 LATE STARTING. NEXT YEAR WILL WE STILL BE ABLE TO GET -- WILL
3 THEY HAVE AN EXPECTATION OF US HAVING THE \$30 MILLION IN
4 SAVINGS OR WILL THEY GIVE US A PASS AGAIN?

5

6 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE THE STATE HAS BECOME
7 VERY, VERY REALISTIC WITH REGARD TO WELFARE COMPUTER SYSTEMS
8 IN GENERAL. THERE ARE FOUR LARGE STATEWIDE SYSTEMS THAT ARE
9 CURRENTLY GOING UP THROUGHOUT THE STATE. THEY RECOGNIZE THAT
10 WE WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO GO UP AND THEY'RE RECOGNIZING THAT
11 THERE ARE SOME REALITIES WITH REGARD TO WORKING THE BUGS OUT
12 OF THE SYSTEM IN ORDER TO REALLY GET ALL OF THESE SYSTEMS TO
13 WORK PROPERLY. SO I THINK THEY ARE GOING TO BE UNDERSTANDING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHAT IS THE SITUATION NOW? ARE THE BUGS OUT
16 AND, YOU KNOW, WHAT ARE YOUR CONCERNS ABOUT LEADER? WHEN
17 YOU'RE WATCHING IT, WHAT DO YOU THINK HAS TO HAPPEN IN ORDER
18 FOR IT TO WORK AND FOR US TO GET THESE SAVINGS?

19

20 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WITH REGARD TO LEADER, I HAVE TWO MAJOR
21 CONCERNS. THE EASE OF USE ISSUE IS MY MAJOR CONCERN, AND THAT
22 IS DAY IN AND DAY OUT OUR WELFARE WORKERS NEED TO BE ABLE TO
23 NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM EASILY. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF EXCEPTIONS
24 THAT CROP UP. WHEN OUR WORKERS ARE USING THE SYSTEM. THAT'S
25 NOT ALWAYS CLEAR TO THEM AND IT NEEDS TO BE SOMETHING THAT IS



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1 VERY, VERY EASY TO USE SO THAT THERE IS NO GUESS WORK INVOLVED
2 WITH REGARD TO HOW WE MANIPULATE AND NAVIGATE THE SYSTEM.
3 THERE ARE ALSO 25 MANUAL WORKAROUNDS, OF WHICH THE 1931 B
4 MEDI-CAL IS A PART, IT'S PART OF THE AMENDMENT TODAY. THERE
5 ARE MANUAL CHANGES THAT WE HAVE TO IMPLEMENT IN ORDER TO KEEP
6 THE SYSTEM GOING, WE HAVE TO KEEP UP TECHNOLOGY-WISE WITH
7 IMPLEMENTING THOSE CHANGES SO THAT WE CAN AUTOMATE THEM.
8 FINALLY, THE OTHER CONCERN I HAVE IS THAT THERE ARE 29 STATE
9 REPORTS THAT ARE REQUIRED TO MANUALLY -- THAT WE HAVE TO
10 MANUALLY SUBMIT TO THE STATE EACH MONTH ABOUT OUR WELFARE CASE
11 LOAD. WE WANT TO ENSURE THAT THOSE ARE FULLY AUTOMATED ON
12 LEADER. NOW 26 OF THOSE 29 ARE CURRENTLY AUTOMATED AND DOING
13 WELL, BUT WE STILL HAVE THREE TO GO, SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
14 CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT AS WELL AND MAKE SURE THAT OUR
15 REPORTING SYSTEMS ARE ALL WORKING APPROPRIATELY.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I'M GOING TO MOVE THIS ITEM, BUT
18 I'D LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN HAVE A REPORT IN 60 DAYS, WHICH
19 WOULD BE LONG ENOUGH BEFORE THE NOVEMBER REQUIREMENTS, THAT WE
20 CAN FIND OUT IF -- WHAT THE STATUS IS AND ALSO, YOU KNOW, IS
21 THE STATE GOING TO SAY, OKAY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO HAVE THESE
22 SAVINGS? WE NEED TO REALLY KNOW. WITH THE STATE LOOKING FOR
23 MONEY, I'M NOT SURPRISED THAT THEY DON'T SAY, YOU KNOW, WELL
24 IT'S YOUR FAULT THAT YOU WEREN'T PRODUCING THE SAVINGS YOU
25 SAID YOU WOULD PRODUCE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MAY I ASK A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE, UH-HUH.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONCE AGAIN, HAS LEADER EXPERIENCED ANY MAJOR
7 PROBLEMS IN THE PAST?

8

9 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** LEADER, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, HAS HAD SOME
10 PROBLEMS IN THE PAST. WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF WORKAROUNDS THAT
11 WE'VE HAD TO IMPLEMENT IN ORDER TO KEEP THE SYSTEM RUNNING.
12 HOWEVER, DAY IN AND DAY OUT, AS I'VE STATED EARLIER, WELFARE
13 RECIPIENTS ARE GETTING THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF BENEFITS AND THEY
14 ARE GETTING THEM ON TIME, AND SO WE KNOW THAT THE SYSTEM
15 OPERATES WELL AND IT'S HANDLING A LARGE VOLUME. HOWEVER,
16 AGAIN, IT'S NOT WHERE WE NEED IT TO BE YET. WE NEED TO
17 CONTINUE TO WORK ON IT AND WE NEED TO CONTINUE TO PARTNER WITH
18 UNYSIS TO ENSURE THAT THE SYSTEM IS WHERE WE WANT IT TO BE TO
19 SERVE OUR CLIENTELE WELL.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO MODIFY THIS
22 SYSTEM?

23

24 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** SUPERVISOR, IT'S A PROCESS WHERE WE HAVE TO
25 CONTINUE TO WORK ON THAT. IN AUGUST OF 2001 WE HAD 61



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1 COMPLIANCE ISSUES THAT WE WERE WORKING WITH UNYSIS ON, THAT 61
2 HAS BEEN REDUCED DOWN TO NINE REMAINING. SO WE'RE MAKING
3 PROGRESS BUT THOSE NINE REMAINING ARE STILL ONEROUS AND WE'VE
4 GOT TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM ON THAT. I CAN'T GIVE YOU A
5 SPECIFIC TIME THAT I CAN ENSURE THAT THOSE WILL BE DONE, WE'RE
6 GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THEM ON THAT.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE A ROLLOUT PLAN?

9

10 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** FOR THE NINE? YES, WE'RE CONTINUING TO WORK
11 WITH UNYSIS ON THAT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW ARE YOU ANTICIPATING ANY PROBLEMS WHEN
14 MODIFYING THE SYSTEM?

15

16 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** NO, I THINK THE STATE IS PREPARING TO INCREASE
17 THE NUMBER OF HOURS THAT WE NEED TO MAINTAIN AND MAKE THESE
18 MODIFICATIONS TO THE SYSTEM AND I'M CONFIDENT AT THIS POINT
19 THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE ENOUGH IN THE WAY OF STATE SUPPORT
20 FINANCIALLY TO MAKE THE MODIFICATIONS THAT WE NEED TO HAVE
21 DONE.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY UNANTICIPATED
24 COSTS? IS IT YOU, THE DEPARTMENT OR UNYSIS?

25



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1 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WELL SUPERVISOR, THERE ARE ALWAYS GOING TO BE
2 CHANGES IN REGULATION, CHANGES IN LAWS THAT WE CANNOT
3 ANTICIPATE, AND IF THAT OCCURS, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO
4 NEGOTIATE WITH THE STATE WITH THE PLANNING DOCUMENTS NECESSARY
5 TO GET THEIR APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT THESE COMPUTER CHANGES, TO
6 DO THE ANTICIPATED -- UNANTICIPATED CHANGES AND THEN, OF
7 COURSE, WE'LL BE GETTING BOARD APPROVAL TO CARRY THOSE OUT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND HOW WILL YOU UPDATE US THAT?

10

11 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** WE'LL BE PROVIDING YOU WITH REGULAR REPORTS ON
12 ANY AMENDMENTS THAT WE MAKE THAT REQUIRE US TO GO BACK TO THE
13 STATE FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING.

14

15 **BRYCE YOKOMIZO:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN 60 DAYS
18 SOME INFORMATION ON THE MANUAL OVERRIDE AND HOW THE -- HOW
19 THAT'S PROGRESSING. AND ALSO, HOW THIS REQUIREMENT OF TWO
20 COMPUTERS ON THEIR DESK IS BEING RESOLVED. WITH THAT, I'LL
21 MOVE IT, WAS THERE A SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, AS AMENDED, SO
22 ORDERED.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND JUST ON THE -- A FINAL NOTE ON MY MOTION
25 NUMBER 2 THAT WAS ON THE AGENDA TODAY, A WORK PERMIT FOR -- AS



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1 A MEANS OF HAVING A LEGAL IMMIGRATION WITH THE WORK PERMIT
2 WITH A BOND. I APPRECIATED SUPERVISOR KNABE'S SUPPORT FOR THAT
3 AND JUST ONCE AGAIN IN WASHINGTON, BOTH DEMOCRAT AND
4 REPUBLICAN SUPPORT FOR THAT CONCEPT WAS VERY ENCOURAGING,
5 ALONG WITH THE GOOD WORDS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT. THAT'S
6 MOVING FORWARD. AND ON THE ISSUE OF HEALTH CENTERS, I JUST HAD
7 A REPORT THAT PRESIDENT FOX WAS VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THAT
8 CONCEPT IN A CONFERENCE THAT JUST CONCLUDED THIS PAST WEEK,
9 WHICH MANY INDIVIDUALS FROM THE UNITED STATES PARTICIPATED IN,
10 AND ALONG WE ALSO HAD FOLLOW-UP COMMUNICATION FROM THE STATE
11 DEPARTMENT THAT AGAIN WAS VERY ENCOURAGING. SO MOVING ALONG,
12 AS PART OF NAFTA, THEY'LL BE LOOKING FORWARD TO SOMETHING
13 COMING DOWN HOPEFULLY THIS YEAR ON THAT. AND THAT'S IT. THANK
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I ONLY HAVE TWO ADJOURNMENTS AND I DON'T THINK I
19 HAVE ANY SPECIALS AT ALL. I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
20 THE MEMORY OF PETE DEHEDINA, WHO PASSED AWAY. MR. DEHEDINA WAS
21 THE FOUNDER OF THE COUNTRY'S PREMIER LATINO CIVIL RIGHTS
22 ORGANIZATION, MALDEF, THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE AND
23 EDUCATION FUND. IT WAS THROUGH MR. DEHEDINA'S VISION AND
24 LEADERSHIP THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS OF LATINOS CONTINUE TO
25 BENEFIT GREATLY FROM MALDEF'S DEDICATED AND TIRELESS ADVOCACY



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1 EFFORTS. HIS CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR COMMUNITY AND OUR NATION
2 SHOULDN'T BE FORGOTTEN. SO I WOULD LIKE THAT WE WOULD -- THAT
3 I WOULD ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

6

7 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
8 MEMORY OF SHERIFF SERGEANT RENE HERNANDEZ WHO TRAGICALLY
9 PASSED AWAY. SERGEANT HERNANDEZ WAS A 22-YEAR VETERAN WORKING
10 IN THE DEPARTMENT CENTURY STATION, WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR
11 DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. I'D
12 LIKE TO BE ADDED TO THAT,

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THOSE ARE THE ONLY ITEMS I HAVE TODAY.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PARDON ME, OH, I HAVE JUST ONE ADJOURNMENT.
19 WENDY KATHERINE GILES, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY 11TH, 2003 AT
20 THE AGE OF 40. SHE WAS A LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE SECOND
21 DISTRICT, ATTENDED JOHN F. KENNEDY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.,
22 AUTOBAHN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, COMPTON HIGH, SHE WAS EXTREMELY
23 ATHLETIC DURING HER CAREER, SHE COMPETED AGAINST OLYMPIC GOLD
24 MEDAL WINNERS SUCH AS EVELYN ASHFORD AND FLORENCE GRIFFITH
25 JOYNER, SHE WAS DIRECTOR OF HER OWN SCHOOL, THE COMMUNITY



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1 PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE CENTER. HER STUDENTS KNEW HER AS MS.
2 WENDY, SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER BELOVED HUSBAND, CHRISTOPHER, HER
3 THREE DAUGHTERS, CRYSTAL, AND AUTUMN, AND JAQUELINE AND HER
4 DEVOTED PARENTS, JERRY AND GERALDINE GILES, TWO SISTERS AND
5 FOUR BROTHERS AND A WEALTH OF AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS AND
6 FRIENDS, SO ORDERED. I'LL CALL UP --

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I JUST HAD TWO OTHER ADJOURNMENTS.

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10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OH I'M SORRY.

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ONE DR. JULIAN DENSEN GERBER, A PSYCHIATRIST
13 LAWYER WHO FOUNDED ODYSSEY HOUSE FROM NEW YORK, WHO PASSED
14 AWAY. WHEN I WAS IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE SHE HELPED WITH SOME
15 OF THE CHILD ABUSE LEGISLATION I WAS INVOLVED WITH AND WAS
16 INVOLVED IN THAT AND ALSO THE MOTHER OF MARIO RODRIGUEZ, WHO
17 IS THE VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE REPUBLICAN PARTY
18 WHO WAS HERE I BELIEVE A WEEK AGO THE BOARD MET. HIS MOTHER
19 PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY, SO WE ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY AS WELL.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. I'LL CALL UP 62, THERE WAS
22 SOMEONE WHO WE RECONSIDERED THAT ITEM. OH I'M SORRY, WAS IT
23 64? ALL RIGHT. MICHAEL PAULS. YES. STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

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1 **MICHAEL PAULS:** MY NAME IS MICHAEL PAULS. AND I WANTED TO THANK
2 YOU VERY MUCH FOR ALLOWING ME THIS TIME TO SPEAK AND ALLOWING
3 FOR THIS RECONSIDERATION TO GO FORWARD. GOOD AFTERNOON,
4 HONORABLE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MICHAEL PAULS AND
5 I'M THE PRESIDENT OF AN ORGANIZATION, FRIENDS OF COLORADO
6 LAGOON. FRIENDS OF COLORADO LAGOON IS AN ORGANIZATION OVER
7 2,500 LONG BEACH RESIDENTS WHICH ADVOCATE AND PROMOTE THE
8 RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION OF THE COLORADO LAGOON. I'M HERE
9 TODAY TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM IN WHICH THE BOARD IS AUTHORIZING A
10 CONSULTANT TO PROCEED WITH THE PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL
11 IMPACT REPORT FOR THE PROPOSED TERMINU AVENUE DRAIN PROJECT IN
12 LONG BEACH WHICH WOULD DISCHARGE INTO THE COLORADO LAGOON. THE
13 COLORADO LAGOON, TO GIVE YOU SOME BRIEF HISTORY THE COLORADO
14 LAGOON IS A WETLAND LOCATED IN SOUTHEAST LONG BEACH, WHICH IS
15 ABUNDANT IN MARINE LIFE AND ACTS AS AN IMPORTANT STOP FOR
16 THOUSANDS OF MIGRATORY BIRDS, INCLUDING ENDANGERED SPECIES
17 EVERY YEAR. COLORADO LAGOON IS LOCATED WITHIN ONE EIGHTH OF A
18 MILE TO THREE SCHOOLS, BEING A HIGH SCHOOL, MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND
19 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPRESENTING 5,000 LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL
20 DISTRICT CHILDREN. THE LAGOON OFFERS EXCEPTIONAL -- AS A
21 RESULT OF THIS THE LAGOON OFFERS EXCEPTIONAL MARINE SCIENCE
22 EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN WHO
23 WOULD OTHERWISE NEVER BE EXPOSED TO CALIFORNIA'S NATURAL
24 COASTAL ENVIRONMENT. MUCH HAS CHANGED FOR THE COLORADO LAGOON
25 SINCE THIS MATTER WAS LAST TAKEN UP BY THIS BOARD IN JUNE OF



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1 2001. MOST IMPORTANTLY AS A RESULT OF AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED
2 BY OUR ORGANIZATION, THE -- THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,
3 CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY ON BEHALF OF THE WETLAND
4 RECOVERY PROJECT AWARDED \$200,000 FOR A STUDY AND RESTORATION
5 PLAN TO BE CONDUCTED FOR COLORADO LAGOON. THE FRIENDS OF
6 COLORADO LAGOON, AND I'D LIKE TO MAKE THIS VERY CLEAR, DO NOT
7 OPPOSE FLOOD CONTROL, BUT ARE REQUESTING THAT THE TERMINU
8 AVENUE DRAIN PROJECT BE DESIGNED IN A FASHION TO ALLEVIATE
9 FLOODING AND TO BE COMPATIBLE WITH WETLAND RESTORATION EFFORTS
10 IN COLORADO LAGOON. WE ASK, OR WE REQUEST, THAT THE CONTRACT
11 AUTHORIZED BY YOUR VOTE TODAY BE AMENDED TO DEFINE COLORADO
12 LAGOON AS A WETLAND. WE REQUEST THAT THE ANALYSIS TO BE
13 PREPARED FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT BE CONDUCTED
14 BASED UPON THIS DEFINITION FOR COLORADO LAGOON AS A WETLAND SO
15 THAT ALTERNATIVES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE DRAIN SYSTEM BE
16 COMPATIBLE WITH A WETLAND ENVIRONMENT AND THUSLY NOT
17 JEOPARDIZE CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY FUNDING TO CLEAN UP
18 AND RESTORE COLORADO LAGOON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR
19 CONSIDERATION AT THIS TIME.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS BEFORE US.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** YOU WANT TO RESPOND, JIM? I THINK WE ARE
24 ATTEMPTING TO ADDRESS THOSE CONCERNS IN THIS PREPARATION BUT
25 I'LL LET JIM RESPOND.



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2 **JIM NOYES:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, GOOD AFTERNOON, JIM
3 NOYES, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS. WE WILL BE EVALUATING A
4 NUMBER OF ALTERNATIVES IN THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT TO
5 BE PREPARED IF YOU APPROVE THIS ITEM TODAY. WE WILL TAKE INTO
6 CONSIDERATION THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE LAGOON -- FRIENDS OF
7 THE LAGOON AND LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THEM AND ALL THE
8 CONSTITUENTS AND RESIDENTS OF THE AREA TO PROVIDE THE NEEDED
9 FLOOD CONTROL.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MOVE THE ITEM.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS IT MOVED AND SECONDED WITHOUT --.

14

15 **JIM NOYES:** MAY I MAKE ONE ADDITIONAL COMMENT, SIR?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** SURE.

18

19 **MICHAEL PAULS:** OUR CONCERN IS THAT THERE ARE NUMEROUS, TOO
20 NUMEROUS TO PRESENT HERE TODAY, ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDING THE
21 CALIFORNIA COASTAL CONSERVANCY, THE CALIFORNIA COASTAL
22 COMMISSION, THE CITY OF LONG BEACH, THE -- THE CITY COUNCIL,
23 WHICH ALL DEFINE COLORADO LAGOON AS A WETLAND. THE COUNTY OF
24 LOS ANGELES DOES NOT DEFINE THIS AS A WETLAND, AND HAS NOT
25 DEFINED THIS IN A SCOPE OF WORK, WHICH HAS BEEN PRESENTED TO



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1 THE CONSULTANT. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS FUNDAMENTAL UNDERSTANDING
2 OR THIS FUNDAMENTAL ASPECT ASSOCIATED WITH MOVING AHEAD ON
3 THIS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT WILL DIRECT THE CONSULTANT TO
4 PREPARE ALTERNATIVES AND MODIFICATIONS TO THIS DRAIN SYSTEM
5 WHICH WILL, IN FACT, TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE LAGOON AS A
6 WETLAND AND BUILD A DRAIN SYSTEM OR DESIGN A DRAIN SYSTEM
7 WHICH WILL BE COMPATIBLE WITH WETLAND RESTORATION.

8

9 **JIM NOYES:** SUPERVISORS WE ARE AWARE THAT THE AREA IS A WETLAND
10 AND WE WILL TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ANY DEFINITION THAT THERE IS
11 WITHIN ANY REGULATORY SCHEME OR STATUTES.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, IT'S BEEN MOVED AND SECONDED
14 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND YOU'LL BE WORKING WITH
15 THEM.

16

17 **JIM NOYES:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR.YAROSLAVSKY? AND I THINK YOU'RE
22 OLDING ITEM 85.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I AM HOLDING -- I HAVE A COUPLE OF
25 ADJOURNING MOTIONS HERE. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ADJOURN IN THE



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1 MEMORY OF ROBERT STACK. BOB WAS A CONSTITUENT OF OURS FOR MANY
2 -- AS LONG AS I'VE BEEN IN OFFICE. VERY ACTIVE IN THE BEL AIR
3 COMMUNITY, VERY ACTIVE IN THE POLICE MEMORIAL FOUNDATION AND
4 BASICALLY A NICE GUY. AND SO I WOULD LIKE TO JOINTLY PRESENT
5 THAT --.

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7 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO BE ON THAT AS WELL TOO.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ADJOURNING MOTION.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL MEMBERS.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECONDLY MARTY OPPENHIEM WHO'S A RESTAURANT
14 COLUMNIST FOR THE FORMER NEW TIMES OF LOS ANGELES, PASSED
15 AWAY. AND THOSE ARE MY TWO ADJOURNING MOTIONS. MADAM CHAIR, I
16 WAS -- BEFORE I GO TO MY HOLDS -- OR MY ONE HOLD, I WANT TO
17 READ IN A MOTION FOR NEXT WEEK. 50 YEARS AGO THE LEGISLATURE
18 ENACTED CALIFORNIA'S LANDMARK OPEN MEETING LAW, THE RALPH M.
19 BROWN ACT. IN ITS PREAMBLE THE ACT DECLARED THE LEGISLATURE
20 FINDS AND DECLARES THE PUBLIC COMMISSIONS, BOARDS, AND
21 COUNCILS AND THE OTHER PUBLIC AGENCIES IN THIS STATE EXIST TO
22 AID IN THE CONDUCT OF THE PEOPLE'S BUSINESS. IT IS INTENT OF
23 THE LAW THAT THEIR ACTIONS BE TAKEN OPENLY AND THAT THEIR
24 DELIBERATIONS BE CONDUCTED OPENLY. THE ACT FURTHER DECLARED
25 THAT THE PEOPLE IN DELEGATING AUTHORITY DO NOT GIVE THEIR



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1 PUBLIC SERVANTS THE RIGHT TO DECIDE WHAT IS GOOD FOR THE
2 PEOPLE TO KNOW AND WHAT IS NOT FOR GOOD FOR THE PEOPLE TO
3 KNOW, END QUOTE. LAST YEAR OUR BOARD ADOPTED A NUMBER OF OPEN
4 GOVERNMENT MEASURES THAT PUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AT THE
5 FOREFRONT OF OPEN MEETING AND PUBLIC RECORD REFORM. TODAY
6 HOWEVER THOSE EFFORTS WOULD BE SERIOUSLY UNDERMINED HERE AND
7 THROUGHOUT STATE UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S MAY REVISED BUDGET
8 PROPOSAL WHICH SEEKS REPEAL OF THE FUNDED STATE MANDATE TO
9 POST MEETING NOTICES AND TO FURNISH IN ADVANCE USEFUL
10 SUMMARIES OF CALENDARED ITEMS TO BE VOTED UPON. THIS MEASURE
11 IS BAD POLICY AND ALSO BAD ECONOMICS. POSTED NOTICE OF
12 MEETINGS AND DESCRIPTIVE AGENDAS OF PENDING LEGISLATIVE
13 BUSINESS ARE THE KEYS TO MEANINGFUL PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND
14 DEMOCRATIC DECISION-MAKING. WITHOUT THEM THE PUBLIC WOULD BE
15 LOCKED OUT AND DENIED A VOICE IN THE DEBATE AND GOOD
16 GOVERNANCE WILL SUFFER GRIEVOUSLY AS A RESULT. REPEALING THIS
17 MANDATE AS THE GOVERNOR SEEKS MIGHT SAVE THE STATE A FEW
18 DOLLARS IN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES BUT THE COST IN SQUANDERED
19 PUBLIC TRUST AND COMPROMISED POLICY MAKING WOULD BE
20 INCALCULABLY HIGHER. IT'S A DEAL WITH THE DEVIL THAT WE MUST
21 FORCEFULLY OPPOSE. FOR THAT REASON I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DECLARE ITS OPPOSITION TO THE GOVERNOR'S
23 MAY REVISED PROPOSED TO REPEAL STATE MANDATES FOR BROWN ACT
24 REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC NOTICE, OF MEETINGS AN ADVANCED POSTING
25 OF DESCRIPTIVE AGENDAS AND TO INSTRUCT OUR REPRESENTATIVES IN



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1 SACRAMENTO TO OPPOSE THIS PROVISION'S INCLUSION IN THE STATE
2 BUDGET.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THAT FOR NEXT WEEK?

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH UNLESS YOU HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE IT'S
7 GOING TO COME UP BEFORE NEXT WEEK, I DON'T THINK IT WILL.

8

9 **C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN:** NO, IT TAKES LEGISLATION TO REPEAL. BUT
10 WE DO HAVE THE FIGURES NOW ON HOW MUCH WE RECEIVED.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD.

13

14 **C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN:** 2001 AND 2002 THE STATE REIMBURSED US
15 \$256,672. IN 2002/3, 282,337. THAT'S WHAT THEY OWED US, THEY
16 DIDN'T PAY US.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THEY DIDN'T PAY US, THEY JUST OWE IT.

19

20 **C.A.O. DAVID JANSSEN:** SO THE 22 MILLION FIGURE STATEWIDE THAT
21 I THINK I READ IN PAPER, I MAY HAVE MADE IT UP, SEEMS AWFULLY
22 HIGH IF WE'RE ONLY RECEIVING 282,000. MAYBE IT'S 2 MILLION
23 STATEWIDE, IT CAN'T BE 22 MILLION.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WAS HOLING ITEM 85. I'D JUST LIKE TO
2 ASK THE SHERIFF'S REPRESENTATIVE TO COME FORWARD ON THIS.
3 WHILE YOU'RE COMING UP, I'LL JUST ASK THE QUESTION. PART OF
4 THE PURCHASE OF THE HELICOPTERS -- PART OF THE FUNDS THAT WERE
5 GOING TO BE USED TO PURCHASE THE HELICOPTERS WERE GOING TO BE
6 GARNERED FROM THE SALE OF THE OLD HELICOPTERS AND I WAS
7 ADVISED THAT FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS THE SALE HAD BEEN
8 DELAYED BUT ARE YOU NOW ARE THOSE -- THE SALE OF THE SURPLUS
9 HELICOPTERS OR THE HELICOPTERS YOU PLAN TO SELL NOW UNDERWAY?
10 COULD YOU JUST BRING US UP TO DATE ON THAT?

11

12 **JIM DE GIVANO:** YES MY NAME IS CAPTAIN JIM DE GIVANO WITH THE
13 L.A. SHERIFF'S AIR BUREAU. AND IN RESPONSE TO THAT THERE WERE
14 A NUMBER OF REASONS WHY THE SALES WERE DELAYED. MOST
15 SPECIFICALLY IS WE JUST TOOK DELIVERY OF THE FIRST NEW
16 AIRCRAFT LAST FRIDAY AND THE SALE OF THOSE OF OUR EXISTING
17 FLEET WAS TIED TO THOSE DELIVERY DATES. SO NOW WE ARE ON TRACK
18 TO SELL THE REMAINDER OF THE FLEET. WE HAVE SOLD TWO. WE HAVE
19 A PROSPECTIVE BUYER ON A THIRD, WE HAVE ONE OUT TO BID NOW
20 THAT WILL CLOSE ON THE 29TH OF THIS MONTH.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW MANY TOTAL ARE YOU -- DO YOU NEED TO
23 SELL TO REACH THE REVENUE THAT YOU HAD PROPOSED TO USE THIS
24 FOR?

25



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1 **JIM DE GIVANO:** IN ADDITION TO THE TWO WE HAVE ALREADY SOLD WE
2 WILL SELL NINE MORE. THAT WILL COMPLETELY SELL OFF THE ENTIRE
3 FLEET .

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU HAVE FOUR -- TWO -- I HEARD YOU GO
6 THROUGH FOUR NOW, SO WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER FIVE? WHEN WILL
7 THOSE BE SOLD?

8

9 **JIM DE GIVANO:** WE HAVE TWO THAT ARE SOLD. I HAVE A PROSPECTIVE
10 BUYER ON A THIRD. WE HAVE ONE OUT TO BID NOW.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY THAT'S FOUR.

13

14 **JIM DE GIVANO:** THAT'S FOUR, THE REMAINDER WILL BE SOLD, MOST
15 LIKELY PUT THEM UP FOR SALE BEGINNING IN JULY, TO SELL THEM TO
16 MAINTAIN A REVENUE STREAM THROUGH NEXT FISCAL YEAR, SO THAT WE
17 WOULD BE ABLE TO USE THAT REVENUE STREAM TOWARDS THE LEASE
18 PAYMENTS GOING INTO NEXT FISCAL YEAR SO THAT WE WILL REMAIN
19 REVENUE-NEUTRAL FOR NEXT YEAR.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT THE ONLY REASON YOU'RE NOT SELLING
22 THE BALANCE, OR DO YOU ALSO NEED THOSE -- SOME OF THOSE
23 HELICOPTERS BECAUSE YOU WON'T HAVE THE OTHER SIX NEW ONES IN
24 YOUR POSSESSION?

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1 **JIM DE GIVANO:** YES, SUPERVISOR. ACTUALLY WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO
2 DO IS TIE THE SALE TO DELIVERY DATES. SO WITH THE APPROVAL
3 TODAY, WE HAVE BEEN GIVEN ASSURANCE FROM THE HELICOPTER
4 MANUFACTURER THAT UNLESS THERE ARE ANY OTHER UNFORESEEN
5 DELAYS, WE WILL RECEIVE THE REMAINDER -- THE NEW SIX
6 HELICOPTERS THAT WERE APPROVED TODAY BY THE END OF THIS
7 CALENDAR YEAR. SO BY THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR WE SHOULD
8 HAVE THE ENTIRE FLEET REPLACED AND I WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN
9 SELLING AIRCRAFT BASED UPON THOSE ANTICIPATED DELIVERY DATES.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU ANTICIPATE BEING ABLE TO SELL ALL OF
12 THE REMAINING FIVE HELICOPTERS DURING THIS FISCAL YEAR? THIS
13 COMING FISCAL YEAR?

14

15 **JIM DE GIVANO:** ABSOLUTELY.

16

17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS. I MOVE
18 APPROVAL.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED AND SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
21 ORDERED.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S IT FOR ME. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR I HAVE A NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS
2 UNFORTUNATELY. FIRST OF ALL I WOULD ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN
3 MEMORY OF JOSE RODRIGUEZ, A MEXICAN NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
4 VARSITY BASEBALL PLAYER, HONOR STUDENT. JOSE WILL BE
5 REMEMBERED FOR HIS ENTHUSIASM, ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AND FOR
6 BEING AN ALL-AROUND NICE PERSON. WHILE ATTENDING JOHN GLENN
7 HIGH SCHOOL IN THE CITY OF NORWALK JOSE STARTED AS AN ENGLISH
8 LEARNER AND LATER MOVED TO THE REGULAR PROGRAM, WHERE HE
9 GRADUATED WITH HONORS. PRIVATE FIRST CLASS RODRIGUEZ WAS BASED
10 IN CAMP PENDLETON WHILE SERVING IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE
11 AND WAS KILLED THIS PAST WEEK IN IRAQ. VERY SAD. ALSO THAT WE
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF AUDREY DRUCILLA EDWARDS WHO PASSED AWAY
13 ON MAY 12TH. SHE WAS 88 YEARS OLD AND A LONG TIME MEMBER OF
14 FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN BELLFLOWER. SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER
15 DAUGHTER, VALOICE, SONS, DAVID AND JIM, HER GRANDCHILDREN AND
16 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM
17 COOPS, SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE LEONE, BROTHERS BERNIE AND AL,
18 SISTERS, JOHANNA AND ILIDA, DAUGHTERS, PAULA, CORINNE, SON,
19 DALE, GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD. ALSO WE ADJOURN
20 IN MEMORY OF LOUISE WINEMUELLER WHO PASSED AWAY AFTER A LONG
21 BATTLE WITH CANCER, SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER SON, LOUIS, AND
22 DAUGHTER-IN-LAW DIANNE AND A GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO THAT WE
23 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HUGO FRANCIS, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY
24 13TH. HE WAS VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN THE FOUNDING OF THE
25 WESTCHESTER FAMILY YMCA. HE NOT ONLY HELPED BUILD THE Y, BUT



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1 FOR DECADES DEDICATED COUNTLESS HOURS TO NUMEROUS Y PROGRAMS
2 AND SERVICE. HUGO WAS ALSO ACTIVE WITH THE CHAMBER OF
3 COMMERCE, AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS IN THE WESTCHESTER AREA
4 INCLUDING THE CAMPWOOD HOME GUARDIANS AND COVENANT
5 PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. HUGO WAS A SECOND DAD TO THOUSANDS OF
6 KIDS IN THE WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY. HE SET THE GOLD STANDARD
7 FOR SELFLESS SERVICE. IF ONES LIFE IS JUDGED AND REMEMBERED BY
8 CONTRIBUTIONS TO HIS FELLOW MAN, HUGO FRANCIS SHALL BE JUDGED
9 AND REMEMBERED AS A HERO. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARTY, HIS
10 TWO CHILDREN, TWO STEPCHILDREN, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND ONE
11 GREAT GRANDCHILD. HE WAS 82 YEARS OLD YOUNG. ALSO THAT WE
12 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF FRANCIS MENDOZA, WHO PASSED AWAY ON MAY
13 14TH AFTER A LONG-TERM ILLNESS, SHE WAS 59. A LONG-TIME
14 SECRETARY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE
15 PREVENTION BUREAU. SHE'LL BE SORELY MISSED BY HER FRIENDS AND
16 COLLEAGUES, SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER THREE DAUGHTERS, SUZANNE,
17 LANEY AND KATHERINE. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JIM
18 ARKIA, A LONG-TIME TRACK AND FIELD COACH AT WILSON HIGH SCHOOL
19 IN LONG BEACH, WHERE HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN AS ARKI. HE'S
20 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARGARET, DAUGHTERS KELLY, NICOLE AND
21 MANDY, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 15. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF ED
22 EVELAND, A FORMER BOARD MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED
23 SCHOOL DISTRICT, PRINCIPAL AND TEACHER SERVING IN LONG BEACH
24 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WAS WELL-RESPECTED THROUGHOUT THE
25 COMMUNITY FOR HIS COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION TO HIS JOB. HE WAS



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1 AN ACTIVE FISHERMAN, AUTHOR OF BOOKS, VERY INVOLVED IN THE
2 YMCA, HOSPITAL FOUNDATIONS, PTA. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
3 DAUGHTER AND FIVE GRANDCHILDREN. HE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY
4 ALL. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** AND I DIDN'T HOLD ANYTHING.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SAY, FOR THOSE WHO ARE LISTENING ON
13 AND WATCHING TELEVISION, THIS SATURDAY, MAY 24TH WILL BE THE
14 SIXTH ANNUAL "REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES" AND
15 IT'S GOING TO BE AT ARCADIA COUNTY PARK, THAT'S 405 SOUTH
16 SANTA ANITA AVENUE IN ARCADIA, AND JUST TAKE THE 210 GOING --
17 GET OFF AT SANTA ANITA AVENUE AND GO SOUTH, IT'S ABOUT FOUR OR
18 FIVE BLOCKS DOWN, AND KNBC WEATHERMAN FRITZ COLEMAN AND I WILL
19 BE HOSTING THAT EVENT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SKYDIVERS, THE
20 PARATROOPERS, ALONG WITH WORLD WAR TWO FIGHTER PLANS, WE'RE
21 GOING TO HAVE A NUMBER OF THE SERVICE ORGANIZATION SUPPORT
22 GROUPS THERE AS WELL AND EVERYBODY IS WELCOME. AND JAY GOMEZ,
23 MY DEPUTY, HAS DONE A SUPERB JOB IN ORGANIZING THIS PROGRAM
24 ONCE AGAIN.

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE'LL NOW TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT.

2 JOHN ANDERSON, DAVID ACTENBERG AND LYNN PLAMBER.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD YOU ALL PLEASE COME FORWARD. ALL

5 RIGHT, IF NOT, MARVIN DARDEN, WOULD YOU COME FORWARD. ALL

6 RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

7

8 **JOHN ANDERSON:** MR. ANDERSON, FIRST NAME?

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

11

12 **JOHN ANDERSON:** FIRST NAME JOHN, J-O-H-N. FIRST OF ALL I'D LIKE

13 TO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME APPROACH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

14 TO SPEAK TO YOU ABOUT THIS MATTER. I GAVE A PACKET TO EACH ONE

15 OF YOU BASED ON THIS INFORMATION THAT I WANT REVIEWED.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE GO ON AND MAKE YOUR STATEMENTS, YOU

18 HAVE THREE MINUTES.

19

20 **JOHN ANDERSON:** OKAY, THE PACKAGE THAT I GAVE YOU IS A

21 COVERSHEET IN THERE ADDRESSEF MAY 13TH, 2003. DO YOU HAVE IT?

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** UH-HUH.

24



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1 **JOHN ANDERSON:** OKAY, I WOULD WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THIS
2 INFORMATION IS REVIEWED PROPERLY. ME AND MY DAUGHTER ARE
3 HOMELESS BECAUSE OF THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF --
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES. I'M A SINGLE PARENT, I
5 WORKED FOR THE COUNTY FOR FIVE YEARS, AND THAT'S HOW I WROTE A
6 PROPOSAL FOR WELFARE FOR HOME WHICH I ADDRESSED TO EACH AND
7 EVERY ONE OF YOU. I WAS HERE WITH EDDIE TONAKA AT THAT TIME
8 WHICH WAS THE HEAD OF DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES. YOU TOOK
9 THE PROPOSAL, USED IT WITHOUT MY PERMISSION AND TWICE OVER I'M
10 HOMELESS FROM THAT TIME UP TO DATE. ALL THE INFORMATION IN
11 THERE WILL TELL YOU EVERY YEAR, AS I APPROACHED YOU FROM 1995
12 TO DATE WHAT HAPPENED. I APPLIED FOR WELFARE, BECAUSE OF
13 RETALIATION THEY DID NOT PROCESS MY PAPERWORK PROPERLY, WHICH
14 CAUSED ME TO BE HOMELESS AGAIN FOR THE SECOND TIME. RIGHT NOW
15 ME AND MY DAUGHTER ARE STAYING IN A HOTEL, PAYING \$40 A DAY
16 BECAUSE OF THE NEGLIGENCE AGAIN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL
17 SERVICES.

18
19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, WE -- WE'LL HAVE SOMEONE -- IS
20 SOMEONE HERE FROM DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES
21 THAT CAN --

22
23 **JOHN ANDERSON:** ALSO I WOULD LIKE TO STATE, I CALLED YOUR
24 OFFICE A WEEK AGO, TOLD TO SOMEBODY, THE GOVERNOR TOLD ME TO



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1 SPEAK BACK TO YOUR OFFICE CAUSE YOU ARE IN MY DISTRICT. NOBODY
2 RETURNED MY PHONE CALL.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, GERARDO, IS GERARDO HERE? DID
5 YOU SPEAK WITH HIM YET?

6

7 **GERARDO:** YEAH I SPOKE WITH HIM MANY TIMES.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MANY TIMES?

10

11 **JOHN ANDERSON:** MANY TIMES WHAT, YOU NEVER REVIEWED THE
12 INFORMATION, AND IF YOU LOOK AT THE INFORMATION THAT'S INSIDE
13 HERE EVEN A -- EVEN IF THEY DID SHOOK MY ARM --

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE SPOKE -- YOU DID SPEAK WITH HIM?

16

17 **JOHN ANDERSON:** I SPOKE TO HIM BUT HE DIDN'T LISTEN.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY, WELL, I WILL HAVE SOMEONE
20 FROM DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.

21

22 **JOHN ANDERSON:** OKAY ALSO I HAVE -- WHEN IT COMES TO WELFARE, I
23 HAVE A STATE LETTER FROM A JUDGE. I WENT TO A HEARING. SHE
24 EVEN SAID THE COUNTY IS BOUND BY YOUR STIPULATIONS WHICH IS IN
25 THERE. YOU STILL DIDN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. THIS IS A STATE



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1 JUDGE OKAY THAT SAID THIS. I'VE BEEN GOING THROUGH THIS FOR
2 FIVE AND A HALF YEARS, OKAY. NOBODY HAS DONE ANYTHING ABOUT
3 IT, I GOT THE LETTER FROM THE GOVERNOR THAT STATES THIS, THAT
4 I SHOULD BRING IT BACK TO YOU, WHICH IS IN THE PACKET, I GOT A
5 LETTER FROM BILL LOCKYER, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THIS STATE
6 THAT SAYS Y'ALL SHOULD TAKE CARE OF THIS AND Y'ALL DID
7 NOTHING.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THERE'S SOMEONE WITH THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES WILL SPEAK TO YOU.

11

12 **JOHN ANDERSON:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE YOU -- IT'S YOUR -- YOUR POSITION
15 THAT YOU INVENTED THE WELFARE REFORM?

16

17 **JOHN ANDERSON:** I DID WRITE IT.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I SEE, ALL RIGHT.

20

21 **JOHN ANDERSON:** AND I HANDED IT TO TONAKA IN FRONT OF ALL OF
22 Y'ALL ON THAT DAY, IF YOU READ THE GRAM THAT THEY GAVE ME.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THAT WAS A FEDERAL
25 LAW AND WE CANNOT PAY ANYONE FOR THEIR --.



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2 **JOHN ANDERSON:** EXCUSE ME. THEY TOLD ME THAT THEY WANTED ME TO
3 GIVE IT TO Y'ALL AND GIVE ME 5% OF ONE COMMISSARY. THAT'S WHAT
4 YOU ALL TOLD ME, TO SUBMIT IT TO THIS EMPLOYEE SUGGESTION BOX,
5 THIS WASN'T A SUGGESTION, I WRITE PROPOSALS FOR A LIVING, AND
6 I GAVE IT TO YOU ALL RESPECTIVELY, YOU TOOK IT AND USED IT
7 WITHOUT MY PERMISSION, AND KICKED ME TO THE CURB. THAT'S WHAT
8 Y'ALL DID.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY, WELL SOMEONE FROM -- THEY
11 AREN'T GOING TO BE ABLE TO ADDRESS THAT ISSUE, THE COURT WOULD
12 HAVE TO --

13

14 **JOHN ANDERSON:** SOMEBODY NEEDS TO.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL JUST A SECOND, LET ME JUST FINISH. THE
17 COURT WOULD HAVE TO DETERMINE IF WE HAVE A -- HAVE ANY
18 LIABILITY TO YOU FOR YOUR DEVELOPING OF WELFARE REFORM.
19 HOWEVER, IN TERMS OF YOUR HOMELESS SITUATION, D.P.S.S. WILL
20 HAVE SOMEONE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT THAT.

21

22 **JOHN ANDERSON:** OKAY WELL THANK YOU VERY MUCH, BUT AS FAR AS
23 THE COURT IS CONCERNED, I TOLD YOU IF YOU READ THE LETTERS
24 THAT'S ALL IN THERE FROM THE -- FROM THE STATE JUDGE AND



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1 EVERYBODY ELSE, YOU WILL SEE THAT I WAS TOTALLY DENIED MY FAIR
2 RIGHTS, OKAY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, OKAY. YOU HAVE A RIGHT -- YOU
5 HAVE TO GO THROUGH COURT IS THE ONLY WAY WE CAN PAY ANYONE FOR
6 ANYTHING LIKE THAT. THANK YOU.

7

8 **JOHN ANDERSON:** YOU'RE WELCOME.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12 **MARVIN DARDEN:** I'M SORRY, MY NAME IS MARVIN DARDEN. FIRST
13 GIVING HONOR TO GOD, WHICH IS JESUS CHRIST. I MEAN NO
14 DISRESPECT TO THIS COUNCIL. IN MY EIGHT MONTHS DISCOVERY
15 PROCESS, I ACCUSED THE D.A.'S OFFICE, DISTRICT ATTORNEY
16 PATILLO OF BEING RACIALLY DISCRIMINATIVE AGAINST PEOPLE OF
17 COLOR AND SEXUAL ORIENTATION. I ACCUSED THE PALMDALE SHERIFF'S
18 STATION OF CORRUPTION, INTIMIDATING A WITNESS AND FALSIFYING
19 AN INVESTIGATION REPORT. THIS BOARD IS STILL UNAWARE OF THE
20 EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE. THIS IS A COUNTY GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE
21 THAT IS NOT ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES AND
22 POLITICALLY AFRAID TO STEP ON ANYONE'S TOES. ITS DEPARTMENTS
23 DO NOT DO WHAT THEY WERE CREATED OR DESIGNED TO DO FOR THE
24 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES. L.A. COUNTY OMSBUDSMAN ROBIN TAYLOR,
25 THE L.A. COUNTY HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, ROBIN TOLLMAN, THE



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1 OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW, ROBERT MILLER. THE PALMDALE HATE
2 CRIME TASKFORCE UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DARREN PARKER, ALL OF
3 THESE DEPARTMENTS EITHER DID NOTHING AT ALL OR IGNORED VITAL
4 EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE, FOR EXAMPLE IGNORING THE SUSPECTS FULL
5 CONFESSION THAT HE ATTACKED AND BEAT ME BECAUSE HE PERCEIVED
6 ME TO BE GAY, ALSO LYING TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN
7 THE INVESTIGATION REPORT THAT THE SUSPECT WAS INJURED, YOU
8 KNOW THAT PALMDALE IS THE FIFTH HIGHEST CITY IN THE COUNTRY
9 FOR HATE CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE OF COLOR AND A \$35 BILLION
10 BUDGET CRISIS THIS SYSTEM IS IN GREAT NEED OF REFORM. WHILE
11 THIS BOARD IS CUTTING A LOT OF NEEDS OF THE POOR, HOSPITALS,
12 REHABILITATION CLINICS, ET CETERA, IT NEEDS TO CLEAN UP ITS
13 OWN HOUSE. I COME TO YOU UNDER THE THREAT OF DEATH THAT IF I
14 DID NOT STOP TRYING TO RESOLVE THE HATE CRIMES ISSUES IN
15 PALMDALE THAT I WOULD BE HARMED. I ASKED THE COUNCIL IF IT'S
16 TRULY FOR THE PEOPLE AND ALL THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES
17 COUNTIES BY A SHOW OF HANDS OR A SOUND OF THEIR VOICE TO MAKE
18 A MOTION TO HEAR MY CASE.

19
20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, THERE IS SOMEONE HERE I'M SURE -
21 -

22
23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ON THAT -- ON THAT CASE, WE'VE HAD THE HUMAN
24 RELATIONS HERE AND MR. TAYLOR HAS DONE AN INVESTIGATION. WE
25 SENT THE COMMUNICATION TO YOU, MR. DARDEN, AND AS HE SAID IN



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1 THAT CASE, THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MADE A ACCURATE REPORT,
2 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY DID NOT FILE BECAUSE AFTER THE, I
3 BELIEVE THE ACCIDENT, WHATEVER -- YOU GOT IN -- ASSAULTING THE
4 OTHER DRIVER OR WHATEVER. SO HIS RECOMMENDATION IS THAT YOU
5 USE THIS AS A CIVIL SUIT THAT YOU HAVE -- YOU COULD -- YOU
6 SHOULD FILE THIS AS A CIVIL MATTER BECAUSE THE DISTRICT
7 ATTORNEY DID NOT FILE.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY, WELL SOMEONE FROM HIS STAFF CAN
10 DISCUSS IT WITH YOU.

11

12 **MARVIN DARDEN:** IF I MAY ADDRESS MR. ANTONOVICH PLEASE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

15

16 **MARVIN DARDEN:** I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE MR. ANTONOVICH, WHAT
17 HAPPENED WAS THE INVESTIGATOR IN THE INVESTIGATION REPORT --
18 WHEN I SPOKE WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY PATILLO HE SPECIFICALLY
19 TOLD ME, MR. DARDEN, TO HAVE THEM DO AN INVESTIGATION, THEY
20 DID AN INVESTIGATION AND FOUND THEMSELVES INNOCENT, OF COURSE,
21 WITHOUT SPEAKING TO MYSELF AND THE WITNESS. THE -- IN
22 HINDSIGHTS EVERYONE KNEW THAT THE SUSPECT WAS NOT INJURED.
23 DISTRICT ATTORNEY PATILLO TOLD ME THAT HE REJECTED THE CASE
24 BECAUSE THE SUSPECT SAID HE WAS INJURED BY ME HITTING HIM WITH
25 MY CAMERA AND IT'S HERE, MY CAMERA'S A .35 MILLIMETER 370 O-



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1 FRAME CAMERA WHICH WOULD HAVE LEFT A CONSIDERABLY MARK TODAY.
2 THAT DID NOT HAPPEN, THAT WAS ONE OF THE REASONS WHY THE
3 DISTRICT ATTORNEY REJECTED THE CASE. BUT MY WHOLE POINT TO
4 THIS MATTER IS IS THAT THE POLICE OFFICERS IN THIS CASE LIED
5 TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY SAID THIS IS
6 WHY HE REJECTED THE CASE. ALSO THEY DID NOT TELL THE DISTRICT
7 ATTORNEY THAT I WAS A DISABLED CITIZEN, THAT I SUFFERED A
8 BRAIN ANEURISM TWO YEARS PRIOR AND I WAS UNABLE TO DEFEND
9 MYSELF. SO MY WHOLE POINT TO THIS, IT WOULD BE VERY EASY FOR
10 ME TO GO AFTER THE CITY OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BY WAY OF
11 CIVIL MEANS BUT THINK ABOUT ALL THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE DIED,
12 THAT CANNOT DO SO, THAT ARE RELYING ON THIS SYSTEM TO PROTECT
13 THEM? NONE OF THESE DEPARTMENTS DID ANYTHING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL YOU KNOW WHAT, SINCE THEN WE HAVE
16 ESTABLISHED A COUPLE OF THINGS. WE HAVE THE OMBUDSMAN, WHICH
17 WAS IN EFFECT I'M SURE WHEN THIS HAPPENED, BUT ALSO WE HAVE
18 NOW AN OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW THAT YOU CAN FILE WITH
19 THEM AND THEY CAN REVIEW IT. AND I'M SORRY, YOUR TIME HAS
20 ELAPSED.

21

22 **MARVIN DARDEN:** I BEG YOUR PARDON BUT I DID CONTACT MR. MILLER
23 AS OF THIS DATE OF LAST YEAR OF OCTOBER. HE HAS DONE
24 ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. I HAVE HERE EVIDENCE --

25



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL THEN THE ONLY THING YOU CAN DO THEN IS
2 FILE A CIVIL CASE AND WE HAVE THOSE CASES FILED ALL THE TIME
3 SO THAT'S ONE OF THE THINGS AND THEN A JUDGE CAN EVALUATE PRO
4 AND CON WHO IS TELLING THE TRUTH. WE CAN'T DO THAT. I'M SORRY,
5 YOUR TIME HAS ELAPSED.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THEY DID ARREST THE PERSON WHO ASSAULTED YOU
8 AND THEY DID TAKE THAT PERSON TO JAIL.

9

10 **MARVIN DARDEN:** BUT THIS PERSON IS A FRIEND OF A PROMINENT
11 FAMILY AND BUT MY WHOLE POINT IS YOU HAVE DEPARTMENTS HERE
12 THAT --.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M GOING TO HAVE TO SOME -- THE NEXT
15 PERSON SPEAK, I'M SORRY, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

16

17 **DAVID ALTENBERG:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I HAVE A PROCEDURAL COMMENT,
18 TO MAKE AND THEN I'D LIKE TO BEGIN MY COMMENTS.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SURE.

21

22 **DAVID ALTENBERG:** I'M DAVID ALTENBURG. MY PROCEDURAL COMMENT IS
23 THAT I'M INFORMED THAT LYNN PLAMBECK WHOSE NAME YOU CALLED IS
24 EN ROUTE, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT HER SPOT FOR SPEAKING BE BUMPED
25 BACK, IF YOU WILL, UNTIL SHE'S ABLE TO ATTEND HERE IN A FEW



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1 MINUTES. NOW MY COMMENTS. WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO TODAY IS BE
2 PROACTIVE AND ADDRESS AN ITEM WHICH IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR NEXT
3 WEEK'S AGENDA, WHICH IS REVIEW OF THE NEWHALL RANCH
4 DEVELOPMENT AND ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT, AS CONTINUED FROM THE
5 MEETING IN LATE MARCH. THE POINT THAT I'D LIKE TO MAKE IS THAT
6 DESPITE PROMISES IN THIS ROOM TO COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF FULL
7 DISCLOSURE BY NEWHALL LAND AND FARM OFFICIALS AND THEIR
8 CONSULTANTS, THERE IS STILL PERTINENT DATA BEING WITHHELD, I'M
9 REFERRING TO DOCUMENTS THAT WERE SUBPOENAED IN AN ACTIVE \$100
10 MILLION DOLLAR CIVIL CASE, SUPERIOR COURT BC 244203 CONCERNING
11 GEOLOGIC LIQUEFACTION POTENTIAL AND SOIL AND WATER
12 CONTAMINATION IN THE -- COMPILED BY ALLEN SEWARD ENGINEERING
13 AT THE SITE OF NEWHALL RANCH. DESPITE REQUESTS BY COUNTY
14 OFFICIALS THESE DOCUMENTS HAVE STILL NOT BEEN FULLY RELEASED
15 AND NOW NEWHALL LAND AND FARM IS INSTEAD PROPOSING SETTLEMENT
16 OF THEIR OWN \$100 MILLION CIVIL COMPLAINT RATHER THAN DISCLOSE
17 THEM. I ASK THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN ADVANCE OF NEXT TUESDAY'S
18 SCHEDULED VOTE TO DETAIL THE FULL EXTENT OF POTENTIAL
19 FINANCIAL EXPOSURE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SHOULD THIS PUBLIC
20 NOTICE TODAY, ESTABLISH FUTURE LIABILITY AND SHOULD THE BOARD
21 VOTE TO KNOWINGLY APPROVE A DEMONSTRABLY GEOLOGICALLY
22 HAZARDOUS PROJECT OF THIS LARGE A SCALE. ADDITIONALLY, I'M
23 GOING TO ASK THE SUPERVISORS OF THE FIRST, THIRD AND FOURTH
24 DISTRICTS TO REQUEST CONTINUANCE OF THIS ITEM OR TO VOTE TO
25 OPPOSE NEWHALL RANCH NEXT WEEK ON THE GROUNDS OF FACTUALLY



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1 INACCURATE AND INCOMPLETE REPRESENTATIONS TO THE COUNTY AS A
2 WHOLE AND QUESTIONABLE ACTIONS BENEFITING SANTA CLARITA AREA
3 DEVELOPMENT INTERESTS BY OFFICIALS OF THE FIFTH DISTRICT
4 SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE IN SPECIFIC. IN SHORT, THIS VOTE NEXT WEEK
5 CONVERTS 20,000-PLUS ACRES ORIGINALLY PURCHASED AT \$2.20C PER
6 ACRE IN THE 1800S, TO RIGHTS THAT WILL BE VALUED AT OVER A
7 BILLION DOLLARS AND WHICH WILL BENEFIT VERY FEW AT THE EXPENSE
8 AND LIABILITY OF THE ENTIRE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. SO IN
9 CONCLUSION I'M ASKING THE THREE SUPERVISORS, FIRST, THIRD AND
10 FOURTH DISTRICTS, NEXT WEEK, TO TAKE A STAND AND VOTE AGAINST
11 THIS TYPE OF WHAT I CONSIDER FINANCIALLY MOTIVATED CORRUPTION.
12 THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. JULIAN DO AND KAREN OCAMB.

15

16 **KAREN OCAMB:** I'M GOING TO GO FIRST. MY NAME IS KAREN OCAMB.
17 I'M ON THE BOARD OF THE L.A. PRESS CLUB AND THE HEAD OF THE
18 LOS ANGELES SUNSHINE COALITION. FIRST OF ALL I WANT TO THANK
19 YOU FOR FOLLOWING UP ON THE MANY RECOMMENDATIONS WE MADE IN
20 OUR SUNSHINE REPORT CARD. WE HAVE MET WITH JUDY HAMMOND AND
21 APPRECIATE THE SINCERITY WITH WHICH SHE HANDLED OUR
22 SUGGESTIONS. ALSO ADRIENNE BYERS FROM COUNTY COUNCIL'S OFFICE
23 OFFERED HERSELF AS A LIAISON SHOULD ANY OF US HAVE PROBLEMS
24 ACCESSING DOCUMENTS. WE APPRECIATE AND WILL PUBLICIZE THIS AND
25 HOPE THAT COUNTY COUNCIL WILL FEATURE HER ON WHAT I UNDERSTAND



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1 IS A DEVELOPING WEBSITE. NOW THE REASON I'M HERE IS TO
2 UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF CODIFYING YOUR OPEN GOVERNMENT
3 POLICY, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF GOVERNOR DAVIS' SUBVERSIVE
4 PROPOSAL TO REPEAL THE SECTION OF THE BROWN ACT THAT MANDATES
5 THAT LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THEIR AGENCIES POST MEETING NOTICES
6 AND AGENDA ITEMS. QUOTE, "MANDATES SUCH AS THIS RESULT IN
7 ADDITIONAL GENERAL FUNDS COSTS WITHOUT PRODUCING A SIGNIFICANT
8 BENEFIT TO THIS STATE," END QUOTE. DAVIS SAYS IN HIS MAY
9 REVISED BUDGET. LAST NIGHT THE BOARD OF THE LOS ANGELES PRESS
10 CLUB PASSED A RESOLUTION STRONGLY OPPOSING DAVIS' PROPOSAL. WE
11 BELIEVE THAT THE RIGHT OF CITIZENS TO KNOW WHAT THE GOVERNMENT
12 IS DOING IN THEIR NAMES, TO HOLD GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
13 ACCOUNTABLE AND TO PARTICIPATE IN GOVERNMENT THROUGH ACCESS TO
14 MEETINGS AND DOCUMENTS IS A QUINTESSENTIAL BENEFIT TO THIS
15 STATE, INDEED IT IS THE VERY BASIS ON WHICH THE STATE
16 OPERATES. WITHOUT SUCH LAWS AND AWAY FROM PUBLIC SCRUTINY,
17 GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS MIGHT FIND IT EASIER AND MORE PERSONALLY
18 BENEFICIAL TO OPERATE IN THE SHADOWS OR BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.
19 BY CODIFYING YOUR POLICY INTO LAW, YOU'RE STANDING UP FOR THE
20 PRINCIPALS OF OPEN GOVERNMENT IN THE FACE OF THIS PROPOSED
21 BANAL EROSION OF DEMOCRACY. ADDITIONALLY WE ASK YOU TO
22 PUBLICLY OPPOSE THIS PROPOSAL, THE REPEAL OF WHICH IS ONLY
23 SLEIGHT OF HAND FOR A SHIFT OF COSTS TO LOCAL ENTITIES, SINCE
24 THE GOVERNOR DECLARES THAT HE EXPECTS LOCAL BODIES TO DO THE
25 RIGHT THING. OF COURSE THIS MAKES ENFORCEMENT VIRTUALLY



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1 IMPOSSIBLE SINCE EACH BODY IN EACH CITY AND COUNTY WILL NO
2 DOUBT COMPLY DIFFERENTLY. AND HAVING JUST RECEIVED AND HEARD
3 ABOUT THIS MOTION FROM SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, I'M SURE WE
4 STRONGLY ENDORSE THIS MOTION. WE ASK YOU TO LEAD BY EXAMPLE
5 AND CODIFY YOUR OWN GOOD OPEN GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND COME OUT
6 IN OPPOSITION TO GOVERNOR DAVIS' PROPOSAL FOR WHAT IN REALITY
7 BECOMES AN UNDEMOCRATIC, UNFUNDED MANDATE. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **JULIAN DO:** MY NAME IS JULIAN DO, I'M WITH NEW CALIFORNIA
12 MEDIA. THIS IS A UNIQUE AND THE ONLY NETWORK OF ETHNIC MEDIAS
13 IN THE STATES. OUR MEMBERS DEFINE IT A PLUS. AND THE MEDIAS
14 THAT WE ARE REPRESENTING, INCLUDING AFRICAN-AMERICANS,
15 RUSSIANS, ARMENIANS, CAMBODIANS, LATINO, VIETNAMESE, NATIVE
16 AMERICANS, CHINESE, YOU CAN PRACTICALLY NAME VIRTUALLY ALL THE
17 ETHNIC COMMUNITIES IN THIS STATE AND WE HAVE THEM AS OUR
18 MEMBERS. OUR MISSIONS IS TO RAISE THE VISIBILITY OF OUR ETHNIC
19 MEDIA MEMBERS BUT AT THE SAME TIME WE ADD THEIR VOICES, THE
20 CONCERNS THAT THEY REPRESENT, THE COMMUNITIES, AND ADD THAT TO
21 A LARGER PUBLIC DISCUSSION AND FORUM LIKE THIS. WE'RE HERE AS
22 MEMBERS OF THE SUNSHINE COALITIONS TO ECHO WHAT KAREN JUST
23 SAID, THAT OPEN ACCESS TO INFORMATION'S BECOME VERY IMPORTANT
24 TO OUR MEMBERS AND THAT WAY ONCE THEY HAVE THE INFORMATION
25 THEY COULD CONVEY AND DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO THE



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1 AUDIENCE. AND SO WE ALSO WANTED TO SUPPORT THE MOTION BY
2 SUPERVISORS ZEV YAROSLAVSKY ON THE MOTION OF -- TO REPEAL OF
3 THE DAVIS PROPOSALS, AND WE WANTED TO URGE YOU TO CODIFY THE
4 COUNTY'S GOVERNMENT POLICIES ON OPEN ACCESS TO INFORMATION.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

8

9 **KAREN OCAMB:** THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT CONCLUDES THE PUBLIC COMMENT, AT 1:00,
12 WE HAVE -- IT'S A SPECIAL ITEM TO HEAR FROM THE SHERIFF ON THE
13 BUDGET. PARDON ME? 1:00 IS THE SHERIFF. HAVE WE CHANGED IT?
14 BEFORE HIM? IT WAS BY 1:00. IT'S 1:00 NOW. I SEE. DOES ANYONE
15 HAVE AN OBJECTION TO CALLING THE SHERIFF NOW? [MIXED VOICES
16].

17

18 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD MORNING.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YEAH RIGHT OKAY, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
21 WERE YOU GOING TO...

22

23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** GOOD MORNING.

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** GO AHEAD, SHERIFF.



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2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** DO THEY HAVE THEIR DOCUMENTS? FIRST OF ALL,

3 I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR INVITING ME TO COME HERE

4 TODAY AND COMMENT ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL

5 YEAR. MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE WITH THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE AND THE

6 BOARD DEPUTIES AND THINGS THAT WE ALL KNOW ARE NECESSARY, I

7 THINK HAVE BEEN DONE. THE CURTAILMENT AMOUNT FOR THE FISCAL

8 YEAR OF 2003/'04 IS ABOUT \$82,400,000. I HAVE IN MY HAND THE

9 ITEMS THAT THESE REDUCTIONS ARE CATEGORICALLY LISTED, AND I'M

10 NOT SURE IF EACH BOARD MEMBER HAS A COPY OF WHAT I HAVE, BUT I

11 THINK THAT IN VIEW OF THE LIST OF THINGS, THAT THIS WAS A VERY

12 THOROUGH AND EXHAUSTIVE REVIEW OF THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET. I

13 WANT TO COMMEND THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE STAFF AND MR. JANSSEN FOR

14 HIS KEEPING A STRONG HAND ON THE PROCESS, AND I THINK THAT

15 RATHER THAN GO THROUGH EACH ITEM, IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS

16 THAT YOU MAY HAVE, THE SUM TOTAL IS \$82,400,000. I THINK THAT

17 IN VIEW OF WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THE STATE, IN VIEW OF THE

18 UNCERTAINTY OF REVENUES THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS STEPPED UP TO

19 THE PLATE AND DID THE TOUGH JOB THAT HAD TO BE DONE, OUR

20 ROLLING INTO THIS NEW FISCAL YEAR WAS NECESSARY. YOU DON'T

21 START CUTTING AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY. YOU JUST INCREASE

22 THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WOULD HAVE TO BE REDUCED WITHIN THE

23 FISCAL YEAR ITSELF, SO FROM ALL INDICATORS THAT I HAVE,

24 TALKING TO CHIEF TONAKA AND THE FISCAL STAFF, THAT WE SHOULD



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1 MEET THIS BUDGET GIVEN ALL THE DIFFERENT VARIABLES THAT GO
2 INTO A BUDGET AS LARGE AS THIS.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, I JUST WANT TO ASK YOU A
5 COUPLE OF QUESTIONS. YOU'RE BASICALLY -- HOW ARE YOU PLANNING,
6 DURING THE COURSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR, TO KEEP YOURSELF -- TO
7 MAKE SURE THAT YOUR DEPARTMENT IS ON SCHEDULE AS FAR AS THESE
8 CUT-BACKS ARE CONCERNED? IN OTHER WORDS, I ASSUME YOU'RE
9 MAKING CERTAIN ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT HIRING AND THE RATE OF HIRING
10 AND THE RATE OF ATTRITION AND REPLACEMENT, ALTHOUGH I
11 UNDERSTAND YOUR ATTRITION RATE IS EXTREMELY LOW, I WAS
12 INFORMED THIS MORNING IT'S LESS THAN 2% WHICH IS YOU MUST BE
13 DOING SOMETHING RIGHT. THE -- WHAT -- HOW ARE YOU PROPOSING TO
14 KEEP TRACK OF THE RATE AT WHICH YOUR SAVINGS ARE ACCUMULATING
15 SO THAT YOU CAN END THE YEAR IN BALANCE? PAUL, DO YOU WANT TO
16 TAKE THAT?

17

18 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** PAUL, GO AHEAD AND ANSWER AND THEN I'LL ADD
19 IF THERE'S OTHER --

20

21 **PAUL:** YES, SUPERVISOR. WHAT WE ARE DOING IS WE ARE -- WE ARE
22 IN THE PROCESS AND HAVE PROJECTED OUT, OVER THE COURSE OF THE
23 NEXT FISCAL YEAR, OUR VACANCY FACTOR, HOW MANY WE ANTICIPATE
24 LOSING BASED ON OUR HISTORICAL PAST OF ATTRITION PER MONTH. IN
25 ADDITION, WE ARE TRYING TO PROJECT OUT THE NUMBER OF BODIES WE



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1 ARE GOING TO NEED BASED ON THE RECENT ACQUISITION OF THE
2 M.T.A. CONTRACT AND A POTENTIAL ADDITIONAL CONTRACT WITH THE
3 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE. SO TRYING TO FACTOR IN
4 ATTRITION AND THE CUTS AND COMBINE THAT WITH THE ADDITIONAL
5 CONTRACTS, WE ARE MAPPING OUT WHERE WE BELIEVE WE NEED TO
6 BEGIN HIRING AND HOW MUCH -- HOW MANY PEOPLE WE NEED TO HIRE
7 TO STAY WITHIN --

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT IS YOUR ATTRITION RATE ASSUMPTION THAT
10 YOU'RE MAKING FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR?

11

12 **PAUL:** ABOUT 360.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH IS WHAT PERCENT?

15

16 **PAUL:** WELL OUR -- OUR FORCE IS ABOUT 8,000, AND WE LOSE ABOUT,
17 ON AVERAGE, 30 A MONTH, 30 TO 35 A MONTH, DEPENDING ON THE
18 MONTH.

19

20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOUR FORCE IS 8,000 SWORN? THAT'S ALL? I
21 THOUGHT IT WAS MORE THAN THAT.

22

23 **PAUL:** I THINK NOW IT'S DOWN TO ABOUT --

24

25 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL --



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2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** PARDON US FOR THIS SIDE DISCUSSION, BUT IT'S
3 IN THE RANGE OF THE MID 8,000S.

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, IF YOU'RE PLANNING -- AND
6 YOU'RE PLANNING ON HAVING AN ATTRITION OF 300 AND HOW MANY?
7 360?

8

9 **PAUL:** ROUGHLY.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WOULD APPROXIMATE, LIKE, IN THE 4%
12 RANGE, AND I'M ADVISED THIS MORNING THAT THE ATTRITION RATE IS
13 1.7. IS THAT -- IS THAT JUST --

14

15 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** NOT EXACTLY. NO THAT -- THAT'S THE TURNOVER
16 RATE. THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE RETIREMENTS.

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH OKAY.

19

20 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** SO IT'S PROBABLY -- SO IT'S --

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HE'S PROBABLY CLOSE TO IT --

23

24 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YEAH.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH ALL RIGHT. ALL RIGHT, SO YOU'RE GOING
2 TO USE YOUR ADMISSIONS INTO THE ACADEMY ESSENTIALLY AS A VALVE
3 TO KEEP YOURSELF ON TARGET.

4

5 **PAUL:** THAT'S CORRECT YES SIR.

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7 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AMONG OTHER THINGS IN THE DEPARTMENT. THE
8 POLICING WORKERS' COMP ISSUES AND THINGS LIKE THAT THAT YOU'RE
9 TRYING TO GET DONE, THIS WILL BE YOUR SAFETY VALVE IN CASE YOU
10 -- IF NOTHING ELSE IS WORKING?

11

12 **PAUL:** YES. WELL, YOU HAVE A PLAN THAT WE HAVE DRAWN UP FOR THE
13 EXECUTIVES AND THE SHERIFF AND THAT IS -- THAT PLAN IS
14 SPECIFICALLY TO ADDRESS THE RISING COSTS OF WORKERS'
15 COMPENSATION, RETIREE HEALTH AND LONG-TERM DISABILITY, AND
16 ALSO WE HAVE REQUESTED TO LEGITIMIZE THE FUNDING ON SOME
17 PREVIOUSLY-UNFUNDED POSITIONS FOR THE YEAR. ALSO, WE, IN OUR
18 BUDGET THIS YEAR, HAVE ACCOUNTED FOR THE SHORTFALL IN REVENUE
19 THAT WE BELIEVE WE ARE TRYING TO PROJECT OUT WHAT WE BELIEVE
20 IS AN ACCURATE STATEMENT OF REVENUE FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR
21 AS OPPOSED TO BASING IT ON, AGAIN, HISTORICAL AMOUNTS THAT
22 WERE USED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

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24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I WANT TO ASK YOU ON A SEPARATE ISSUE.
25 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER'S REPORT LAST WEEK OR A WEEK AND A HALF



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1 AGO, WHENEVER IT WAS, CAME OUT ON THE ISSUE OF THE
2 UNINCORPORATED -- IT WAS AN INCORPORATED AREA, HOW YOU TRACKED
3 THE -- I WAS INTERESTED IN THAT. I WAS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE
4 ISSUE OF TIMECARDS, GENERALLY, AND I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND FROM
5 YOU WHERE -- WHERE THE DEPARTMENT IS -- FORGET FOR A SECOND
6 THE TRACKING OF WHERE THE OFFICER WORKS, BUT JUST CAN YOU TELL
7 ME, DOES EVERY DEPUTY SHERIFF WHO WORKS IN THE DEPARTMENT
8 TODAY SIGN A TIMECARD?

9

10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** LET ME RESPOND TO THAT QUESTION. THE ISSUE
11 OF THE TIMECARDS HAS BEEN ADDRESSED BY MYSELF LAST FRIDAY WITH
12 MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S STAFF, THE AUTHORS PRINCIPALLY
13 OF THE REPORT. WE HAVE AGREED TO COMMENCE A TIMECARD SYSTEM,
14 AND I BELIEVE THAT THE DIFFICULTIES THAT WERE REPORTED TO THIS
15 BOARD AS WELL AS TO THE MEDIA WERE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT, IN MY
16 OPINION, DID NOT HAVE TO OCCUR. MY POSITION ON TIMECARDS IS
17 WHATEVER WE CAN DO AS AN ORGANIZATION TO CLEARLY EXPLAIN WHAT
18 WE DO IS A GOOD THING, THAT THE STAFF REPORT PRESENTED TO THE
19 COUNTY AUDITOR WAS NOT A REPORT THAT I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO
20 REVIEW. THAT CIRCUMSTANCE HAS BEEN CORRECTED, THAT THE FINAL
21 DECISION RELATIVE TO HOW WE WILL ACCOUNT FOR WHATEVER IT IS
22 THAT WE DO WILL BE DONE IN A COLLABORATIVE SENSE. THE COUNTY
23 AUDITOR CERTAINLY IS HERE TO HELP, NOT TO HINDER, AND THE
24 CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WE ALL HAVE TO ADDRESS IN THE COUNTY,
25 WHETHER IT'S THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR ANY OTHER COUNTY



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1 DEPARTMENT, IS IS THAT THE MORE WE CAN ACCURATELY EVALUATE
2 WHAT WE DO, WE MUST DO, AND SO THAT'S OUR GOAL.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL LET'S GET BACK TO THE TIMECARD FOR A
5 SECOND. AND AGAIN, I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO THE ISSUE, I WANT
6 TO LEAVE THAT FOR THE NEXT QUESTION, BUT THE QUESTION NOW, OF
7 YOUR 8,000-PLUS SWORN OFFICERS, WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THEM TODAY,
8 WHEN THEY WENT TO WORK OR WHEN THEY LEAVE WORK, WILL SIGN --
9 OR AT THE END OF THE WEEK, AT THE END OF THE PAY PERIOD, WILL
10 SIGN A TIMECARD THAT SAYS, "I WORKED 40 HOURS THIS WEEK," AS
11 EVERY MEMBER OF MY STAFF DOES.

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** TO MY KNOWLEDGE, THEY DO NOT SIGN TIMECARDS.
14 WHAT WE HAVE IS AN IN-SERVICE SHEET WHERE THE SUPERVISORS DO
15 THE ROLL CALL AND THE IN-SERVICE SHEET HAS THE ASSIGNMENT THAT
16 THEY'RE TO WORK AND THE AMOUNT OF HOURS THAT THEY'RE TO WORK
17 IN THAT ASSIGNMENT. ONCE THAT EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN CERTIFIED BY
18 THE SUPERVISOR AS BEING PRESENT, THEN THE SUPERVISOR SIGNS THE
19 IN-SERVICE SHEET FOR THE ENTIRE SHIFT OF EMPLOYEES. THAT IN-
20 SERVICE SHEET ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATION ABOUT THOSE WHO ARE
21 SICK, THOSE WHO ARE OFF ON THEIR NORMAL DAYS OFF, AND THAT IT
22 GOES TO THE TIME KEEPER. AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE FOR YEARS IN
23 THE PERIOD THAT I'VE WATCHED THIS PROCESS, IS WE DO NEGATIVE
24 POSTING. IN OTHER WORDS, THE VARIABLES OF EXCEPTION ARE WHAT
25 THE TIME KEEPER USES IN THE C.W. TAP SYSTEM. AND SO IN MY



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1 OPINION, IT WORKS, BUT IT DOESN'T ANSWER THE FUNDAMENTAL
2 AUDABILITY QUESTION THAT THE COUNTY AUDITOR WAS CONCERNED
3 ABOUT, WHICH I'M ALSO CONCERNED ABOUT. SO I THINK THAT WHAT WE
4 ARE LOOKING AT, IN A PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AUDITOR, IS HOW DO
5 WE MIGRATE INTO THE TIMECARD ENVIRONMENT AND WE'RE LOOKING AT
6 THREE SHERIFF'S STATIONS RIGHT NOW AS A PILOT TO GET THIS BALL
7 ROLLING.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE PILOT WAS GOING TO BE
10 FOR THE OTHER ISSUE, WHICH IS TO TRY TO ACCOUNT FOR WHERE EACH
11 SHERIFF --

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO THAT WAS FOR TIMECARDS --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT WAS FOR TIMECARDS.

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** BUT WE CAN DO BOTH. THE NATURE OF PARALLEL
18 ACCOUNTING FOR A CONTRACT VERSUS UNINCORPORATED REQUIRES SOME
19 DESIGN, WHICH I'VE ASKED THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO HELP US WITH,
20 THAT TO JUST SAY TIMECARDS IS A STARTING POINT, BUT THEN THE
21 DESIGN OF HOW THESE CARDS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED IS VERY
22 CRITICAL, BECAUSE WHEN PEOPLE CALL IN SICK OR THERE'S CHANGES
23 IN THE STAFFING OF THE FACILITY, THEY'RE GOING TO BE
24 UNINCORPORATED PEOPLE ONE DAY WORKING ON A CONTRACT



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1 ENVIRONMENT, THERE ARE GOING TO BE PEOPLE IN A CONTRACT
2 ENVIRONMENT ONE DAY WORKING UNINCORPORATED.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME UNDERSTAND, THEN, THE CURRENT SYSTEM
5 AT LOST HILL STATIONS OR AT SAN DIMAS OR ANY PARTICULAR
6 DIVISION. I'M A DEPUTY SHERIFF. I COME IN TO WORK THIS
7 MORNING, I WORK MY 8-HOUR SHIFT. SUPPOSE I EVEN HAD TWO HOURS
8 OF OVERTIME CAUSE OF AN INCIDENT OR SOMETHING. I DON'T EVER
9 FILL OUT A TIMECARD, I DON'T PUNCH A CLOCK, I DON'T SIGN
10 SOMETHING THAT SAYS I ATTESTED I WORKED. IT'S UP TO MY
11 CAPTAIN?

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO, IT'S UP TO THE SUPERVISOR TO --

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY SERGEANT?

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES, ON BOTH CIRCUMSTANCES, THE NORMAL EIGHT
18 HOURS AND THEN THE OVERTIME SLIP IS ACTUALLY NOW PRE-APPROVED.
19 YOU CANNOT WORK OVERTIME AND THEN TURN IN A SLIP LATER SAYING,
20 "I WORKED THREE HOURS." YOU HAVE TO GO TO THE SUPERVISOR AND
21 SAY, "MY NORMAL SHIFT IS TERMINATING, I HAVE MORE WORK, I NEED
22 AUTHORIZATION TO WORK THE OVERTIME." BUT IT'S ALL -- THE
23 OVERTIME SLIP IS, IN FACT, SIGNED MUCH LIKE A TIMECARD IS WITH
24 THE SUPERVISOR APPROVING IT.

25



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE DEPUTY HIMSELF OR HERSELF NEVER, NEVER
2 DOES A THING, NEVER FILLS OUT ANY--

3

4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO. IN OVERTIME, IT IS A TIMECARD SYSTEM.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HOW ABOUT STRAIGHT TIME, REGULAR SHIFT?

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8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IN STRAIGHT TIME, REGULAR SHIFT, NO.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO HOW DO YOU -- HOW DO YOU HOLD A DEPUTY
11 SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE? BEFORE I ASK THAT, I -- ONE OF YOUR
12 SUBORDINATES HERE IS -- LOOKS LIKE HE MAY WANT TO SAY
13 SOMETHING, SO I'LL GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO SET THE RECORD
14 STRAIGHT HERE BEFORE.

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** BUT WHAT I'M SAYING IS PRETTY MUCH IT. THE
17 SUPERVISOR DOES A ROLL CALL MUCH LIKE YOU SEE IN SOME OF THESE
18 T.V. SHOWS. DEPUTY JONES, ARE YOU HERE? YES. I'M A WARM BODY.
19 ARE YOU WILLING AND READY TO GO TO WORK? I THINK SO. YOU'RE
20 IN. THE SUPERVISOR IS THE KEY TO ACCOUNTING FOR THE PRESENCE
21 OF THE EMPLOYEE AND WHERE THEY'RE WORKING.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DO YOU WANT TO ADD SOMETHING?

24

25 **PAUL:** OH NO, NO, SIR.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT.

3

4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** SO WE WANT TO GRADUATE IT TO THE STEP OF THE
5 TIMECARDS, WHERE IT ISN'T JUST THE EMPLOYEE WITH A SUPERVISOR
6 CERTIFYING IT THAT THE EMPLOYEE WILL CERTIFY AND SIGN HIS
7 TIMECARD PROPOSES AND THEN THE SUPERVISOR --

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO YOU ARE PROPOSING TO GO INTO A SYSTEM
10 WHERE THE EMPLOYEE ALSO CERTIFIES --

11

12 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YEAH THAT'S -- THAT'S WHAT THE COUNTY
13 AUDITOR AND I DISCUSSED LAST WEEK, AND I APOLOGIZE TO YOU FOR
14 THIS WHOLE CONDITION OF MISUNDERSTANDING, BECAUSE MY POLICY TO
15 MY SUPERVISING ADMINISTRATORS IS SIMPLY, "GET THE WORK DONE."
16 YOU KNOW, THE BUREAUCRACY CAN'T WAIT FOR THE SHERIFF IF HE'S
17 IN WASHINGTON OR WHEREVER I AM BEGGING FOR MONEY, AS YOU WOULD
18 EXPECT, AND SO THEY SEND IT OVER WITH THE IDEA IN MIND THAT
19 THIS IS SOMETHING I WOULD NOT OBJECT TO.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH THIS -- THIS IS SOMETHING THAT PREDATES
22 YOU AND TIMECARDS HAS BEEN SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN ON MY RADAR
23 SCREEN ALMOST SINCE THE DAY I GOT HERE, AND THERE HAVE BEEN
24 PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE YOU WERE ELECTED SHERIFF,
25 PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO MOVE TO



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1 A TIMECARD SYSTEM, AND I WAS SURPRISED THAT -- TO LEARN THAT
2 THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS, AS I REMEMBER THEM, HAVE NOT -- HAD NOT
3 BEEN IMPLEMENTED, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT, FROM WHAT YOU SAID
4 AND FROM WHAT I HEARD IN YOUR MEETING WITH THE AUDITOR, THAT
5 YOU'RE MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION. I GUESS YOUR GOAL IS TO DO
6 THAT ALL IN THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR, ON BOTH THE ACCOUNTING ON
7 THE INCORPORATED VERSUS CONTRACT CITY ISSUE AND AS WELL -- I'M
8 SORRY, UNINCORPORATED VERSUS CONTRACT CITY ISSUE AS WELL AS
9 THE STANDARD ACCOUNTABILITY PIECE THAT THE TIMECARD OFFERS.
10 ALL RIGHT. I'M NOT -- I'M GOING TO ASK -- LET SOME OTHER FOLKS
11 ASK QUESTIONS. I JUST WANT TO SAY ONE THING GENERALLY ABOUT
12 YOUR APPROACH ON THIS. WHAT A DIFFERENCE A YEAR MAKES, AND I
13 WANT TO COMMEND YOU AND THANK YOU, BUT I WANT TO PARTICULARLY
14 COMMEND YOU BECAUSE YOU'RE TAKING SOME HEAT FOR SOME OF THE
15 THINGS YOU'RE DOING, AND IT'S NOT EASY, VERY OFTEN, TO EXPLAIN
16 IN AN EIGHT-SECOND SOUND BITE WHY YOU'RE DOING SOME OF THE
17 THINGS YOU'RE DOING, BUT I THINK IT SPEAKS WELL FOR YOU AND
18 FOR YOUR DEPARTMENT THAT YOU DO RECOGNIZE THAT IN THE LEAN
19 YEARS, WE'RE ALL GOING TO TAKE SOME HITS AND YOU CERTAINLY ARE
20 DOING THAT HERE WITH THE GOAL IN MIND NOT TO DIMINISH THE
21 QUALITY OF DIRECT LEVEL OF SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS, AND I
22 THINK THAT YOUR APPROACH, AS I UNDERSTAND IT, IS GOING TO BE
23 TO TRY TO NIP AROUND THE EDGES WHICH DON'T AFFECT DIRECT
24 PUBLIC SAFETY SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC, BUT MORE -- MAYBE MORE
25 OF AN INCONVENIENCE INTERNALLY INTO THE ADMINISTRATION.



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1 OBVIOUSLY HOW IT ALL WORKS OUT DURING THE COURSE OF THE FISCAL
2 YEAR, WE'LL ALL BE INTERESTED IN SEEING, BUT AT LEAST YOU'VE
3 SET THAT MARKER AND, YOU KNOW, AND I THINK THAT'S -- I THINK
4 THAT'S THE RIGHT WAY TO GO. AND IN THE GOOD YEARS, HOPEFULLY
5 THAT WILL BE -- CERTAINLY WILL BE REMEMBERED OR TAKEN INTO
6 CONSIDERATION, BECAUSE I THINK WE HAVE TO BE -- WE HAVE TO BE
7 FLEXIBLE AS EACH YEAR COMES ALONG AND UNDERSTAND THE
8 CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH WE OPERATE. SO I WANT TO THANK YOU
9 AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE APPROACH YOU'VE TAKEN THIS TIME AND I
10 THINK WITH SOME OF THE OTHER INVESTMENTS THAT THE BOARD HAS
11 MADE IN THE LAST COUPLE OF WEEKS ON SOME OF YOUR STATIONS AND
12 THINGS, IT'S THE INFRASTRUCTURE PIECE CONTINUES TO MOVE SO
13 THAT WHEN THINGS DO TURN, AS WE HOPE THEY WILL AND EXPECT THEY
14 WILL AT SOME POINT IN TIME, YOU'LL BE IN A POSITION TO HIT THE
15 GROUND RUNNING WITH AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM OF HIRING, AND HAVE
16 THE KINDS OF FACILITIES THAT YOU NEED TO OPERATE. SO MS.
17 BURKE?

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMENTS, SUPERVISOR, AND
20 I THINK THE BOARD HAS PROACTIVELY AND PROGRESSIVELY DEALT WITH
21 A VERY DIFFICULT PROBLEM, AND THE FACT THAT WE CAN TRAVEL TO
22 WASHINGTON ON OCCASION, TO KEEP ON DESCRIBING WHAT THE
23 DIFFICULTIES ARE IN THE COUNTY ARE ENLIGHTENING TO ME
24 PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY AND I THINK THAT THE STATE IS



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1 CERTAINLY NOT GOING TO STOP THIS COUNTY FROM DOING ITS VERY
2 BEST TO DEAL WITH A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU. I HAVE A FEW
5 QUESTIONS. YOU HAVE FIELD DEPUTIES. HOW MANY FIELD DEPUTIES DO
6 YOU HAVE?

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8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, PAUL AND I -- PAUL SAID 8,000. I THINK
9 IT'S MORE.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO I DON'T MEAN DEPUTIES. I MEAN THESE ARE
12 FIELD DEPUTIES. I THINK THAT THEY ARE NOT -- I'M NOT -- THEY
13 AREN'T SWORN. THESE ARE --

14

15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** OH, YOU MEAN -- YOU MEAN MY FIELD DEPUTIES?
16 THREE.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE THREE? NOW WHAT DO THEY DO,
19 EXACTLY?

20

21 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** ONE DEALS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY,
22 WHICH IS SIGNIFICANT HERE, THE EMBASSIES, MEANING THE CONSUL-
23 GENERAL'S OFFICES, THE FLOW FROM SEVERAL OF THE OFFICES OF THE
24 CENTRAL AMERICAN STATES IS RATHER SIGNIFICANT WITH THE
25 DEPARTMENT. SOME OF THE EUROPEAN COUNTRIES DON'T HAVE AS MUCH



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1 BUSINESS WITH US, BUT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN AND SOUTH AMERICAN
2 COUNTRIES DO, SO RATHER THAN USE A SWORN PERSON, WE USE A
3 CIVILIAN IN THAT REGARD, AND WE DID THIS WITH THE INTEREST OF
4 REDUCING FUNDS, AGAIN. IN THE PRIOR ADMINISTRATION, THIS WAS
5 ALL DONE BY SWORN PEOPLE. ANOTHER ONE HAS COMPLETE
6 RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE INTERFAITH COMMUNITY, WHICH AGAIN IN
7 VIEW OF THE HATE CRIMES ISSUES AND THE CUT-BACKS THAT WE'VE
8 HAD IN THE HATE CRIMES TASKFORCE THAT WE BELIEVE THAT THE
9 RELIGIOUS HARMONY IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, I BELIEVE
10 PARTICULARLY NEEDS TO BE FULLY COORDINATED, ALONG WITH THE
11 ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE AND THE OTHER GROUPS THAT ARE IN THE
12 COMMUNITY TRYING TO KEEP THIS MOST DIVERSE PLACE OF THE WORLD
13 STAYING IN A HARMONIOUS FASHION, WITH ESPECIALLY THE LAW
14 ENFORCEMENT AS ONE OF THE OVERARCHING COORDINATING AGENCIES.
15 AND THEN FINALLY, IN THE REALM OF THE CONTRACT CITY WORLD, AS
16 WELL AS ALL THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL THINGS THAT THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT IS INVOLVED IN WHETHER IT'S FEDERAL, STATE, OR
18 LOCAL, ONE DEPUTY DEALS IN THAT REGARD. SO THOSE ARE THE THREE
19 BASIC BROAD CATEGORIES OF RESPONSIBILITY.

20
21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THESE FULL-TIME PEOPLE?

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23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEY'RE PAID ABOUT HOW MUCH?



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2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY, BUT IT'S IN THE RANGE,
3 I ASSUME, OF WHATEVER THE COUNTY PROVIDES. THESE POSITIONS
4 WERE PREEXISTING POSITIONS THAT SOME WERE USED BY MY
5 PREDECESSOR AND SOME WERE NOT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE IS, LIKE, PROFESSIONAL AND
8 SPECIALIZED SERVICES THAT YOU'RE REQUESTING, ABOUT \$10 MILLION
9 IN ADDITION FOR THAT. AND WHAT'S COVERED BY THAT?

10

11 **PAUL:** I'M GOING TO GET THAT FOR YOU IN ONE SECOND.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IF WE COULD JUST HAVE THAT. 6
14 MILLION -- 6.6 MILLION FOR SPECIAL DEPARTMENT EXPENSES MORE
15 THAN LAST YEAR.

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I'M -- I'M NOT FAMILIAR WITH THOSE
18 CATEGORIES, BUT --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL IF WE COULD JUST GET A RESPONSE LATER,
21 THAT'S FINE. VEHICLE REPLACEMENTS, TWO MILLION, WHICH IS TWICE
22 AS MUCH AS LAST YEAR. SO IF WE COULD JUST GET SOME OF THESE --
23 A RESPONSE ON SOME OF THESE.

24



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1 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** WE CAN REPORT BACK ON ALL OF THESE,
2 SUPERVISOR.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. IF WE COULD GET A REPORT BACK ON
5 THEM. I KNOW A HALF MILLION DOLLARS IS NOT SUBSTANTIAL, BUT I
6 GUESS THERE'S A REQUEST FOR DIGITAL COLOR COP -- TWO DIGITAL
7 COPIERS FOR 500,000, WHICH ARE KIND OF EXPENSIVE, 500,000.
8 THAT'S A MISPRINT? CAN WE GET A RESPONSE ON THAT, TOO?

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TWO COPIERS FOR 500,000?

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SAYS, "PRESENTATIONS," "FOR PRESENTATIONS."
13 SO ANY RATE, COULD WE JUST GET SOME FEEDBACK ON SOME OF THESE
14 THINGS? YOU KNOW, WE'RE TRYING TO CUT BACK ON EVERYTHING,
15 CLOSING LIBRARIES, NO BOOKS FOR THE KIDS AND ALL THESE THINGS
16 SO THAT, YOU KNOW, I TELL YOU HONESTLY, THE 500,000, I THINK I
17 COULD KEEP ALL THE LIBRARIES IN MY DISTRICT OPEN.

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, ONE OF THE DIFFICULTIES THAT ALL OF US
20 --

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOT ALL OF THEM, BUT I COULD KEEP AT LEAST
23 TWO OF THEM -- TWO MORE -- TWO OF THEM.

24

25 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** -- IN OUR VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS IS --



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ONE'S 184,000.

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** AND I'VE PARTICULARLY AVOIDED MAKING
5 COMMENTS ABOUT WHAT OTHER DEPARTMENTS SPEND THEIR MONEY ON --

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I KNOW. I'M JUST SIMPLY SAYING THE REASON
8 I'M -- 500,000 SOUNDS LIKE A PIDDLEY LITTLE AMOUNT OF MONEY IN
9 YOUR BUDGET, BUT IN SOME OF THE THINGS I'M DEALING WITH --

10

11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, LET ME SAY THIS. WE'LL GET YOU THE
12 ANSWER TO THIS, BUT COPYING MACHINES, AT THE LEVEL THAT THIS
13 DEPARTMENT COPIES DOCUMENTS, ARE NOT NECESSARILY UNREASONABLE.
14 IF THEY'RE LOOKING FOR MACHINES THAT WILL PRODUCE HIGH VOLUME,
15 THEN MAYBE THAT'S THE EXPLANATION FOR THIS COST, BUT I WOULD -
16 -

17

18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT MAY BE A PRINTER RATHER THAN A COPYING
19 MACHINE, I MEAN A BONAFAIDE PRINTER, CAUSE I CAN'T IMAGINE
20 ANYTHING ELSE COSTING THAT MUCH OTHER THAN A REGULAR PRINTER.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT MAY BE A MISSTATEMENT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, BUT WE'LL GET AN ANSWER ON THAT.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL GET AN ANSWER. THOSE WERE THE ONLY
2 QUESTIONS I HAD.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. MR. ANTONOVICH.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT BUDGET SHORTFALL UNDER
7 THE PROPOSED BUDGET?

8

9 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL CURRENTLY WE'RE AROUND AN \$84,400,000
10 CURTAILMENT WITHIN THIS FISCAL YEAR THAT IS ABOUT TO CONCLUDE
11 AND THEN AS I EARLIER STATED WE'LL HAVE AN \$82,400,000
12 CURTAILMENT COMING UP.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** \$82MILLION SHORTFALL?

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THAT'S THE NEXT YEAR, WE'RE AT 84 MILLION
17 CURRENTLY.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT INCLUDES WORKERS' COMP, OR IS THAT
20 SEPARATE?

21

22 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IT INCLUDES -- A PORTION OF THAT IS WORKERS'
23 COMP.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT CUTS ARE YOU NOW BEING FORCED TO
2 MAKE AS A RESULT OF THIS 80-PLUS MILLION-DOLLAR SHORTFALL?

3

4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** ESSENTIALLY WE HAVE, AS WIDELY PUBLICIZED,
5 RELEASED INMATES WITH HALF SENTENCES SERVED, AND CLOSED A
6 FACILITY, THE LYNWOOD REGIONAL JUSTICE CENTER, SAVING \$15
7 MILLION ANNUALLY. WE'VE ALSO REDUCED DOWN PORTIONS OF THE MAIN
8 CENTRAL JAIL, THE OLD COMPLEX, WHICH HAS ALLOWED US TO SAVE A
9 PORTION OF THAT \$15 MILLION. OF COURSE SERVICES, TRIAL COURT
10 FUNDING, AS YOU KNOW, HAS BEEN SHORTENED OVER THE YEARS
11 TRADITIONALLY, AND WE'VE FINALLY FACED UP TO THE REALITY THAT
12 WE CAN'T SUBSIDIZE THE COURTS WITHOUT PROPER FUNDS, AND SO A
13 \$16 MILLION CURTAILMENT WAS PLANNED AND IMPLEMENTED CONCERNING
14 COURT SERVICES. WE CONTINUE TO CUT BACK THE COMMUNITY-BASED
15 POLICING PROGRAM TO A TUNE OF ABOUT \$6 MILLION.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THAT YOUR "COPS" PROGRAM?

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. AND THEN WE HAVE BEEN AGGRESSIVELY
20 REDUCING OVERTIME. CURRENTLY, BY USING A VARIETY OF METHODS TO
21 ASSIGN PEOPLE FROM WHAT THEY NORMALLY WOULD DO TO THE HIGH
22 OVERTIME AREAS IN THE JAIL, PRIMARILY, SO WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO
23 CUT ABOUT \$30 MILLION OUT OF THE OVERTIME BUDGET. THE OFFICE
24 OF HOMELAND SECURITY HAS INCURRED A \$150,000 REDUCTION. THE
25 VARIOUS PATROL STATIONS WITHIN THE REGIONS HAVE REDUCED THEIR



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1 FUNDING BY \$7 MILLION. AND THESE ARE JUVENILE PROGRAMS, SUCH
2 AS THE VIDA PROGRAM AND DETECTIVES AND PATROL PERSONNEL AS
3 WELL. THE LEADERSHIP AND CHAIN DIVISION HAS BEEN CURTAILED BY
4 \$2 MILLION, AND THIS ELIMINATES OR REDUCES DOWN SOME OF OUR
5 PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS, EMPLOYEE DRUG TESTING PROGRAM,
6 AND SOME OF THE EFFECTS OF COORDINATING BETWEEN INTERNAL
7 AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL CRIMINALS BUREAU. THE TECHNICAL SERVICES
8 DIVISION ELIMINATED THE DEVELOPMENT OF ELECTRONIC DATABASES,
9 OF WHICH WOULD BE UTILIZED TO ASSIST US IN THE BACKLOG OF
10 REQUESTS THAT WE HAVE JUST FOR DATA TO THE TUNE OF \$615,000.
11 THEN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION REDUCED ITS BUDGET
12 BY CLOSE TO \$900,000. AND AGAIN, THIS IS PART OF THE
13 ADMINISTRATIVE REDUCTION WITH CONTRACTS AND THE THINGS THAT WE
14 HAVE TO DO TO NEGOTIATE AND DEVELOP CONTRACTS. AND THE
15 EXECUTIVE DIVISION WAS REDUCED BY \$900,000, OF WHICH ALLOWS US
16 TO ELIMINATE SOME THINGS. WE DO HAVE A LIBRARY THAT WE HAD TO
17 CLOSE WITHIN OUR OWN STRUCTURE, WHICH I'M SURE ALL OF US ARE
18 SENSITIVE ABOUT, AND LIBRARIES ARE A VITAL RESOURCE TO THIS
19 COUNTY. SO THAT WAS, AGAIN, A \$900,000 CURTAILMENT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT YOUR UNITS, YOUR GANG UNITS?

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23 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL THE GANG UNITS ARE INTACT. I BELIEVE
24 THAT IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US NOT TO, AS SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY



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1 ALLUDED TO, NOT TO HIT TO THE CORE OF WHAT REALLY IS A CRUCIAL
2 LIFE-AFFECTING SERVICE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ISN'T THE "COPS" PROGRAM ONE OF THOSE CORE
5 PROGRAMS?

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7 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** INDEED.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND THAT'S BEING CUT HERE, OR ELIMINATED?

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11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE CUT A LITTLE BONE THERE.

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15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WE CUT A SIGNIFICANT BONE IN REDUCING THE
16 COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING PROGRAMS, IN CLOSING JAILS, AND IN
17 EARLY RELEASING INMATES. THIS IS A CORE MISSION THAT I, BY
18 LAW, AS A CHIEF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS COUNTY, HAVE
19 TO MAINTAIN.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND A LOT OF THOSE PEOPLE THAT ARE RELEASED
22 ARE ON A PLEA BARGAIN FROM A SERIOUS CRIME TO A MISDEMEANOR,
23 AND I KNOW THERE ARE MANY SERIOUS FELONY ASSAULTS THAT ARE
24 BROUGHT DOWN TO A 415 MISDEMEANOR. SO YOU HAVE -- YOU KNOW,



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1 YOU HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY OF -- BECAUSE OF THE STATE CUT-BACKS,
2 OF RELEASING HARD CORE DANGEROUS PEOPLE ON THE STREETS.

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, WE -- SUPERVISOR, WE HAVE BEEN VERY
5 JUDICIOUS IN WHO WE RELEASE. WE HAVE A --

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BUT YOU'RE NOT RELEASING SUNDAY
8 SCHOOLTEACHERS.

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10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO, WE'RE NOT RELEASING SUNDAY
11 SCHOOLTEACHERS.

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13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW LAST YEAR YOU TOOK AN \$84.4 MILLION CUT.
14 THIS YEAR YOU'RE SUPPORTING AN \$82.4 MILLION. THAT'S NEARLY
15 \$167 MILLION, YOU KNOW, HOW MANY BONES DO YOU HAVE LEFT THAT
16 YOU CAN SACRIFICE?

17

18 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE TOO MANY MORE LEFT
19 TO GO. I THINK WE'RE AT THE LIMIT AND THIS IS WHY WE HAVE TO
20 WORK MORE COLLABORATIVELY TOGETHER TO CONTINUE TO FIND A WAY
21 TO MEET OUR BUDGETARY RESPONSIBILITIES, BUT DO IT IN SUCH A
22 WAY THAT WE DON'T FURTHER JEOPARDIZE PUBLIC SAFETY.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT ABOUT PROP 172? WHERE ARE YOU ON THAT
25 FUNDING?



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2 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE TRENDING ON 172, I DON'T KNOW IF THERE'S
3 BEEN INCREMENTAL INCREASES OR GAINS, BUT I WOULD SAY THAT
4 THERE'S BEEN, IN OUR BUDGET, A REDUCTION PROPOSAL OF ABOUT \$21
5 MILLION, AND SO WE BELIEVE THAT THAT'S PRUDENT TO UNDERVALUE
6 PROP 172'S FUNDS. IF, IN FACT, 172 OVER-REALIZES ITS
7 PROJECTION, IT GIVES THIS COUNTY, AND PARTICULARLY THE
8 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, A MARGIN OF BREATHING ROOM, WHICH IS, I
9 THINK, VERY IMPORTANT TO HAVE.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IN LOOKING AT YOUR REPORTS ON RESPONSE TIME,
12 I KNOW IN SOME OF THE OUTLYING AREAS OF THIS COUNTY, IT IS A
13 LONG TIME TO RESPOND TO A CALL, AND A \$160.8 MILLION CUT
14 WITHIN TWO YEARS IS GOING TO FURTHER IMPACT THAT. I KNOW YOUR
15 PROGRAM DEALING -- WAS IT VIVA?

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** VIDA, V-I-D-A.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** VIDA PROGRAM WAS A CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM
20 DEALING WITH POTENTIAL GANG MEMBERS AND GETTING THEM BACK INTO
21 SCHOOL AND GIVING THEM THE DISCIPLINE AND ORIENTATION AND
22 SUPPORT TO BE RESPONSIBLE. AND AGAIN, ALONG WITH THE COPS
23 PROGRAM, WHICH WORKED COOPERATIVELY WITH THE HOUSING AUTHORITY
24 AND ZONING AND WORKING TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE
25 BLIGHTED, DRUG-INFESTED AREAS, STRONG SUPPORT FROM THE



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1 COMMUNITY, YOU KNOW, YOU CAN'T REALLY SHORTCHANGE PUBLIC
2 SAFETY, AND WE HAVE TO DO MORE TO FIND OTHER REVENUES TO
3 SUPPORT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SO THAT THESE PROGRAMS CAN BE
4 MAINTAINED, AND, WHEN POSSIBLE, EXPANDED, BUT JUST TO MAINTAIN
5 THEM INSTEAD OF CUTTING THEM OFF, AND WE SAY WE'RE CUTTING THE
6 BONES, THE ONLY BONE LEFT IS GOING TO BE THE MIDDLE FINGER,
7 AND WE CAN'T HAVE THAT. THE PUBLIC DEMANDS FULL SUPPORT. THE
8 LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT IS LOOKING AT PUTTING MORE
9 PERSONNEL IN THE FIELD, MORE ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL IN THE
10 FIELD AND PATROLLED ASSISTANT, HAVE WE EXAMINED SOME OF THOSE
11 IDEAS THAT THEY'RE EXPLORING RIGHT NOW?

12

13 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. I -- WE BELIEVE THAT CONTINGENCY PLANS
14 ARE ALWAYS IMPORTANT TO HAVE, AND IT'S BEEN ASKED AND IT'S
15 BEEN ANSWERED BY CHIEF BRADEN WHEREIN HE SAYS WE NEED 12,000
16 POLICE OFFICERS AND, YOU KNOW, MY BELIEF IS THAT THE SHERIFF'S
17 DEPARTMENT NEEDS 10,000 SWORN PERSONNEL. WE KNOW HOW TO WRAP
18 UP EFFECTIVE POLICING. THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS DONE AN
19 INCREDIBLE JOB WITH THIS BOARD OVER THE YEARS IN SPITE OF WHAT
20 COULD BE CONSIDERED SOME DIFFICULT TIMES. AND WITH OUR
21 PARTNERS IN A CONTRACTING WORLD, WE COME UP WITH EXTRAORDINARY
22 COST SAVINGS POLICING SYSTEMS. A LOT OF IT IS NOT SEEN
23 NECESSARILY BY THE BOARD BECAUSE WE FOCUS ON COUNTY-WIDE
24 SERVICES AND COUNTY SERVICES, BUT THE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE
25 DOLLAR IS SPREAD THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTY THROUGH THESE



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1 INDEPENDENT CITIES AND SCHOOL BOARDS AND THE M.T.A., AND THEN
2 WE ALSO HAVE THIS BOARD HERE THAT LOOKS AT HOW THINGS ARE
3 BEING DONE. WHEN YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF ENVIRONMENT, WHICH IS
4 UNPRECEDENTED, THERE IS NO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY IN
5 AMERICA THAT HAS SO MANY EYES AND EARS AND OVERSEERS AS TO
6 WHAT'S GOING ON THAT IF WE WERE TO HAVE 10,000 SWORN PEOPLE,
7 WE COULD GET A LOT OF BANG FOR THAT BUCK IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY
8 SENSE. AND I AGREE THAT IF WE HAD A FUNDING STREAM THAT WAS
9 CAPABLE OF SUSTAINING THAT, THEN WE WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH
10 THOSE FUNDS. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, AND I'M REALLY HEARTENED TO
11 SAY THIS, ALTHOUGH WE'VE REDUCED DOWN OUR COMMUNITY-BASED
12 POLICING, THERE ARE PARTS OF OUR UNINCORPORATED AREAS THAT
13 HAVE NOT SEEN THAT HARDEST OF EFFECT, AND ONE IS THE EAST LOS
14 ANGELES UNINCORPORATED AREA WHERE, AS OF THIS POINT, WE'VE
15 ONLY HAD TWO MURDERS, AND THIS IS A PLACE WHERE WE'VE FLOODED
16 THAT NEIGHBORHOOD WITH COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING PERSONNEL. NOW
17 WE'VE PULLED THEM OUT, BUT THE GANG BANGERS HAVEN'T QUITE
18 FIGURED IT OUT YET, AND THAT'S TO THE CREDIT OF ALL OF US
19 HERE, YOU KNOW, THE STAFF, SUPERVISOR MOLINA WORKS DILIGENTLY
20 ON THE ISSUES OF GANG-RELATED VIOLENCE. MY PEOPLE AT THE
21 STATION ARE CONSTANTLY ON THE POINT WITH THE ISSUE. SO I THINK
22 WE'RE, AS A COUNTY, HOLDING OUR WATER, AND BUT I HAVE TO KEEP
23 MY FINGERS CROSSED THAT THE DAM DOESN'T BREAK.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAD A QUESTION. SHERIFF, IF YOU'D
3 NOT SECURED THE M.T.A. CONTRACT AND THE REVENUE THAT IS
4 ASSOCIATED WITH THAT, HOW MANY DEPUTY SHERIFFS WOULD YOU HAVE
5 HAD TO, YOU KNOW, EITHER LAY OFF OR MOVE AROUND, YOU KNOW,
6 PARTICULARLY WITH THE MAGNITUDE, YOU KNOW, YOUR DEPARTMENT'S
7 NET COUNTY COSTS AND THE ISSUES YOU'RE BEING -- THE REDUCTIONS
8 OVER THE LAST TWO FISCAL YEARS?

9

10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** DO YOU WANT TO ANSWER THAT ONE? ALL RIGHT.
11 THE NET EFFECT OF THE REDUCTIONS IS, IN THE PAST -- OR, RATHER
12 THE CURRENT --

13

14 **SUP. KNABE:** I MEAN I KNOW WHAT THE REDUCTIONS ARE, BUT WHAT
15 WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD YOU NOT SECURED THE TOTAL M.T.A.
16 CONTRACT, THE TOTAL M.T.A. CONTRACT YOU JUST GOT AND THE
17 REVENUE THAT'S ASSOCIATED WITH THAT?

18

19 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE CUTS WOULD'VE BEEN EVEN MORE DRACONIAN
20 THAN WHAT THEY ARE NOW, AND I THINK THAT, TO THE CREDIT OF
21 THIS BOARD, AND TO THE CREDIT ACTUALLY OF THE M.T.A., BECAUSE
22 THE ADMINISTRATORS THERE WERE SEEKING A CHANGE, AND THIS WAS
23 THE PROFESSIONALS THAT RUN THAT SYSTEM SAYING TO THE M.T.A.
24 BOARD, "THIS IS WHAT WE THINK IS BEST FOR OUR OWN SECURITY,"
25 AND HAD THEY NOT EXTENDED THAT CONTRACT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND



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1 AWARDED IT IN THE FASHION THEY DID, WE WOULD HAVE 4 OR \$5
2 MILLION OF MORE CUTS TO MAKE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. MOLINA:** MY ONLY --

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MS. MOLINA.

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10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. COULD YOU --

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12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO, NO. I FORGOT I WAS CHAIRING THE MEETING,
13 SO I JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW I'M HERE. I RECOGNIZE MS.
14 MOLINA.

15

16 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MY ONLY ISSUE HAS BEEN THE MOST RECENT
17 INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN PRODUCED BY THE C.A.O.'S OFFICE WITH
18 REGARD TO THE UNINCORPORATED AREA AND THE CONTRACT CITIES. AND
19 I HOPE WE'RE ALL ON TRACK ON TRYING TO GET TO THE BOTTOM LINE
20 OF WHERE WE ARE AND HOW MUCH IS WHAT AND SO ON. I THINK THAT -
21 - I MEAN, IT'S A TWO-EDGED SWORD, AND I UNDERSTAND THAT, BUT
22 AT THE SAME TIME, I THINK WE HAVE TO HAVE SOME IDEA OF EXACTLY
23 WHAT SERVICES ARE BEING PROVIDED AND WHERE DEPUTIES ARE AT AND
24 WHAT THE KIND OF TIME IS THAT'S BEING USED AND WHETHER PEOPLE
25 ARE BEING APPROPRIATELY BILLED OR NOT BILLED. I THINK WE NEED



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1 TO KNOW THAT. SO I THINK WE'RE ON TRACK AS FAR AS TRYING TO
2 MAKE SURE WE'RE GETTING TO A POINT OF AGREEMENT AS TO HOW
3 WE'RE GOING TO PROCEED. IS THAT CORRECT?

4

5 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** YES, I BELIEVE THAT WE ARE, SUPERVISOR. THE --
6 OBVIOUSLY THE --

7

8 **SUP. MOLINA:** 'CAUSE THE AUDITOR MADE A SERIES OF
9 RECOMMENDATIONS. RIGHT?

10

11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. FIVE.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND THEY'RE GOING TO BE ADOPTED BY THE
14 DEPARTMENT. CORRECT?

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO I THINK THAT -- AND SO WE SHOULD BE ON TRACK,
19 THAT MAYBE BY THIS TIME NEXT YEAR WE'LL HAVE A BETTER DATABASE
20 FROM WHICH TO WORK FROM?

21

22 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I THINK THAT'S A REASONABLE TO CONCLUDE.

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS?

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3 **PAUL:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, MAY I MAKE A CLARIFICATION SIR.
4 WITH REGARD TO WHAT SUPERVISOR BURKE MENTIONED, MR. CHAIRMAN,
5 WE HAVE WORKED VERY HARD, OUR STAFF, IN THE SHERIFF'S
6 DEPARTMENT WITH MEMBERS OF YOUR STAFF AND THE -- C.A.O.'S
7 OFFICE IN TRYING TO PUT TOGETHER A BUDGET THAT WAS ACCURATELY
8 REFLECTIVE OF REVENUE AND COSTS. WE'VE LEARNED IN STUDYING OUR
9 HISTORICAL FIGURES THAT FIGURES WERE CARRIED OVER FROM YEAR TO
10 YEAR JUST BECAUSE THEY WERE THERE, AND IN -- AND I APOLOGIZE
11 FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO GIVE YOU THE SPECIFIC DETAILS OF WHY WE
12 SHOW INCREASES IN CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF OUR SERVICE AND
13 SUPPLIES BUDGET REQUESTS, AND WE'LL PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION
14 FOR YOU IN DETAIL, BUT I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THE REASON FOR
15 SOME OF THESE CHANGES AND APPARENT LARGE CHANGES UP OR DOWN IS
16 BECAUSE WE'VE TRIED TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR BUDGET IS ALIGNED SO
17 THAT IT REFLECTS ACCURATE REVENUE AND EXPENSES. AND AS FAR AS
18 ALONG THOSE LINES, WE HAVE MENTIONED, THE SHERIFF HAS
19 MENTIONED THAT WE ARE BRACING OURSELVES FOR AN \$82.4 MILLION
20 SHORTFALL AND CUT THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR. IN REALITY, THROUGH
21 THE GENEROSITY AT THIS TIME OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE
22 OFFICE, WE ARE BRACED FOR A \$75.4 MILLION CURTAILMENT ON THE
23 BOOKS, AND THE OTHER -- AND THE REASON IS IS WE HAVE NOT YET
24 HAD OUR BUDGET REDUCED BY A POTENTIAL REVENUE REDUCTION OF AN
25 ADDITIONAL \$7 MILLION. SO AT THIS TIME, OUR BUDGET STANDS TO



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1 BE CURTAILED BY \$75.4 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE FROM THE C.A.O.'S
2 OFFICE.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY, WELL THANK YOU FOR THAT CLARIFICATION.
5 ANYTHING ELSE? BEFORE WE EXCUSE THE SHERIFF? IF NOT, THANK YOU
6 VERY MUCH.

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8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAM CHAIR, I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU WANT TO
11 DO WITH THIS ONE.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HAVE SOME PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OH WE HAVE SOME OTHERS WHO WANTED TO BE
16 HEARD.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS ROY BURNS HERE? ALL RIGHT. WHOEVER IS
21 REPRESENTING --

22

23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I THINK STEVE RIGBY AND JOHN REES WERE --
24 ARE THEY -- ARE YOU TAKING ROY BURNS' PLACE OR? OKAY. THEY'RE
25 TAKING HIS PLACE.



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. IF YOU COULD JUST IDENTIFY YOURSELVES
3 WHEN YOU START SPEAKING FOR THE RECORD. THANK YOU. WHOEVER
4 WANTS TO GO FIRST.

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6 **STEVE REMIGE:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS
7 STEVE REMIGE, AND I SERVE AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE
8 ASSOCIATION FOR LOS ANGELES DEPUTY SHERIFF'S, ALADS. THE
9 CERTIFIED BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVE FOR MORE THAN 7,000 DEPUTY
10 SHERIFFS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS. I'M HERE TODAY
11 ON BEHALF OF ALL THE DEDICATED ALAD'S MEMBERS TO REITERATE OUR
12 LONGSTANDING AND DEEPLY-HELD BELIEF THAT PUBLIC SAFETY MUST BE
13 MAINTAINED AT ALL COSTS AND THAT ACROSS THE BOARD BUDGET CUT-
14 BACKS, ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF PUBLIC SAFETY, INCUR SEVERE
15 DAMAGE TO THE QUALITY OF THE SERVICE WE PROVIDE FOR LOS
16 ANGELES COUNTY RESIDENTS. GIVEN THAT THE COUNTY BUDGET IS IN A
17 DEFICIT CONDITION, WE URGE YOU TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS
18 NECESSARY TO PRIORITIZE AND FUND VITALLY IMPORTANT PUBLIC
19 SAFETY PROGRAMS. IF MORE RESOURCES ARE NECESSARY TO FULLY FUND
20 VITAL PROGRAMS, INCLUDING PUBLIC SAFETY, THEN OUR MEMBERS
21 STAND WITH YOU IN FAVOR OF SECURING ADDITIONAL REVENUES TO
22 ENSURE ADEQUATE PUBLIC SAFETY. WHEN THE COUNTY EXPERIENCED
23 SEVERE BUDGET SHORTFALLS 10 YEARS AGO, WE URGED THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS TO SET PRIORITIES. FUND THE PROGRAMS THAT WERE
25 VITALLY IMPORTANT TO ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND AVOID THE DAMAGE OF



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1 ACROSS-THE-BOARD BUDGET CUTS. OUR FEAR THEN AND OUR FEAR NOW
2 IS THAT UNDERFUNDING OUR PROGRAMS WILL DAMAGE MORALE, CAUSE
3 DETERIORATION IN THE QUALITY OF ALL COUNTY SERVICES, INCLUDING
4 THOSE PROVIDED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE DISTRICT
5 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. ON BEHALF OF THE MEN AND WOMEN DEDICATED TO
6 QUALITY, PUBLIC, SAFETY SERVICES, WE URGE YOU TO AVOID CUTS IN
7 RANK AND FILE SAFETY, PUBLIC SAFETY, THAT WILL LEAD TO
8 MEDIOCRE SERVICES AT A TIME WHEN SECURITY IS AMONG OUR
9 NATION'S GREATEST CONCERNS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10

11 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO BE HEARD TOO, SIR?

12

13 **SPEAKER:** NO. I'M WITH MR. RIMAGE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH THOUGH.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU. IS THERE ANYBODY ELSE WHO WANTS
16 TO BE HEARD ON THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET? IF NOT, THAT ITEM IS
17 CONCLUDED, AT LEAST AS TO THE HEARING PART OF IT. I'LL TURN IT
18 BACK OVER TO YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE SCHEDULE, IT SHOWS -- ALL
21 RIGHT. I'M SORRY.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'M SORRY. I COULDN'T SEE YOU OVER THERE.
24 THERE'S ONE LADY WHO DOES WANT TO BE HEARD I'M SURE.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

2

3 **SPEAKER:** [INAUDIBLE].

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY COME ON UP.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, YOU DIDN'T PUT DOWN -- IT SAID
8 ON HERE THAT IT WAS IN SUPPORT OF A COALITION.

9

10 **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** [INAUDIBLE]. THANK YOU. GOOD
11 AFTERNOON. MY NAME, RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY, I'M WITH THE
12 ORGANIZATION CULTURAL REFLECTIONS PRODUCTION COMPANY L.T.D. I
13 WILL SPEAK LATER BRIEFLY IN REFERENCE TO WARREN WILLIAMS'
14 ORGANIZATION.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, THIS IS THE TIME FOR THAT RIGHT NOW
17 IF IT'S WARREN WILLIAMS, DO YOU WANT TO BRING HIM UP, TOO?
18 WARREN AND THE REST OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE SPEAKING ON THAT,
19 ALL OF YOU COME FORWARD.

20

21 **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** ACTUALLY, I WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING
22 VERY BRIEF IN REFERENCE TO THE SHERIFF'S PROPOSAL THAT THEY'RE
23 PRESENTING.

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THEN YOU CAN GO RIGHT INTO IT, AND WE
2 CAN FINISH, DO ALL OF IT AT ONE TIME. ALL RIGHT. YES. ALL
3 RIGHT. GO RIGHT AHEAD.

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5 **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** AS I MENTIONED LAST -- ON THE 14TH,
6 TUESDAY, MY SON IS INCARCERATED. HE HAS BEEN PHYSICALLY
7 ASSAULTED BY INMATES AS WELL AS DEPUTIES. HE HAS -- HIS HIP IS
8 BROKEN, HE HAD EMERGENCY SURGERY, AND AFTER TALKING WITH YOUR
9 AGENCY -- PARDON ME -- YES, YOUR AGENCY AND/OR YOURSELF,
10 YVONNE BURKE, AS THE CHAIRPERSON, MY SON WAS REMOVED FROM THE
11 MEDICAL AREA AND PLACED IN PRISON, WHERE PERHAPS THIS WHOLE
12 INCIDENT HAPPENED IN THE BEGINNING OF THE -- I THINK IT WAS
13 THE 11TH OF LAST MONTH WHERE HE WAS INJURED. HE'S STILL
14 RECUPERATING. I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST TO HAVE HIM MOVED BACK
15 TO MEDICAL -- OH, INCIDENTALLY, IT WAS MENTIONED TO THE
16 MEDICAL INDIVIDUALS, THE HEAD NURSE AND DOCTORS AND HIS NURSE
17 THAT THE FAMILY WAS ANGRY WITH THE MEDICAL. WE ARE NOT ANGRY
18 WITH THEM. WE JUST WANTED HIM SAFE. SO BASICALLY, I'M
19 REQUESTING TO HAVE MY SON WITH PENCILS, PENS, WHATEVER'S
20 NECESSARY, BUT NOT SO MUCH THAT; SO HE'S IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT
21 BACK IN THE MEDICAL BECAUSE HE'S STILL RECUPERATING. THANK YOU
22 VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT, ALL RIGHT, MR. WILLIAMS?

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1 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** YES. YOU KNOW, SPEAKING TODAY ON BEHALF OF
2 THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION OF L.A. COUNTY AND CITY,
3 SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THOSE THAT'S BEEN WRONGED BY THE
4 DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES, SPEAK ON BEHALF OF
5 THE HOMELESS AND THOSE IN DESPERATE NEEDS TO HAVE FUNDS ARE
6 REDIRECTED TO SERVICE THAT THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN POPULATION
7 NEEDS, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO'VE BEEN VICTIMIZED AND
8 SUFFERING, FOR BEING TREATED AS TWO-THIRDS OF A PARENTS, AS
9 DADS EXCLUDED FROM THEIR FAMILIES. WE'RE SPEAKING TODAY ON
10 BEHALF OF THOSE THAT WITHIN THE SYSTEM, WITHIN GOVERNMENT
11 POSITIONS HAVE ACTED TO HAVE FAIRNESS BROUGHT TO THE AFRICAN-
12 AMERICAN POPULATION TO HAVE THEM PROPERLY FUNDED, WHICH ARE A
13 FEW PEOPLE. WE SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO'VE BEEN FALSELY
14 ACCUSED, PROSECUTED, INCARCERATED, AND STIGMATIZED. WE SPEAK
15 ON THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN DENIED JOBS, FAIR OPPORTUNITIES, AND
16 ILLEGAL RIGHTS. ON BEHALF OF THOSE WHO'S BEEN DENIED COMMON
17 SENSE LIBERTY TO FREELY EXERCISE THEIR PARENTAL RIGHTS, THEIR
18 CIVIL RIGHTS, THEIR INALIENABLE RIGHTS, AND THEIR BIRTH
19 RIGHTS. WE SPEAK ON BEHALF OF THOSE THAT SINCE THE EARLY
20 AMERICAN RECONSTRUCTION HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR FAIR SHARE OF
21 WEALTH AND REASONABLE OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN ECONOMIC FAIRNESS
22 AND EQUALITY. AND WITH THAT, WE ASK THAT THE PROPOSALS WE
23 SUBMITTED WITH EACH ADDENDUM, WE DID SUBMIT AN ADDITIONAL
24 ADDENDUM TODAY, BE FUNDED AND APPROVED BY THIS BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS. RESTATE AGAIN THAT WE ASK FOR THE CHIEF



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1 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO US TO PERFECT
2 THE PROPOSAL. WE'RE ASKING THAT IT BE FULLY FUNDED AND
3 OPERATING BY THE YEAR 2005, AND THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2003 TO
4 2004, WE'RE ASKING FOR \$50 MILLION TO BE DIRECTED FOR THE
5 FUNDING OF A DAD'S FESTIVAL, AND WE DO ASK THAT MAY THE 27TH
6 THROUGH JULY 1ST, IN THE COUNTY AND CITY OF L.A. WILL BE MADE
7 DAD'S MONTH, THAT A PROCLAMATION CAN BE MADE FOR THAT. AND
8 THAT THERE WILL BE AN AFRICAN-AMERICAN DAD'S MONTH IN SOUTH
9 L.A. DURING THE SAME DAYS OF MAY 27TH TO JULY 1ST AND A DAD'S
10 FESTIVAL THE 13TH, 14TH, AND 15TH OF JUNE AT LAMAR PARK, AND
11 THIS BOARD WOULD SUPPORT THOSE. THE FESTIVAL WILL ALSO SERVE
12 AS A FUNDRAISER FOR THIS PROJECT. WE ALSO REQUEST TO HAVE THE
13 FUNDING OF MOTHER MARIE'S HEALTH AND WEALTH PROGRAM AS WELL AS
14 A FAMILY-TO-FAMILY -- FAMILY HELPING FAMILIES PROGRAM. WE
15 AGAIN REQUEST THE USE OF MACLAREN HALL TO HAVE A COMMUNITY
16 FAMILY SERVICE CENTER. WE ALSO OPPOSE SOMETHING RECENTLY
17 DECIDED BY THE COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICE TO
18 APPROVE USE OF FUNDS FOR THE ADELMAN'S, EXCUSE ME, THE ADMIN
19 ADELMAN'S PARKING LOT. WE OPPOSE THAT AND OTHER
20 MISAPPROPRIATED AND WASTE OF FUNDS GOING TO USE TO BASICALLY
21 REMODEL SOMETHING, TO REQUEST WHAT ATTORNEYS WANT. THOSE FUNDS
22 WOULD BE BETTER USED FOR DIRECT SERVICES. IN ADDITION TO THAT
23 WE REQUEST THAT NO LONGER WOULD IT BE A FUNDING REQUIREMENT TO
24 USE THAT FACILITY. PARENTS AND PEOPLE ORDERED BY COURT TO GO
25 TO COURT. YET MANY OF THEM DON'T HAVE THE FUNDS TO PAY THE



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1 PARKING, SO IT'S UNFAIR THAT THAT IS A BURDEN ON THEM AND THEN
2 THOSE FUNDS ARE USED ADVERSELY AGAINST THEM. WE ASKED FOR
3 FUNDING FOR NEEDED LEGAL SERVICES AND THAT NEUTRAL LEGAL
4 ENTITIES WILL REPLACE THE PANEL ATTORNEYS AND THE PANEL 730
5 EVALUATORS INVOLVED IN THE FAMILY SERVICES AND ADELMAN
6 CHILDREN'S COURT. WE ASK AGAIN THAT THE ENLISTING NEEDS OF
7 BLACKS ARE MET AND THAT THERE BE AN AUDIT OF THE L.A. COUNTY
8 BUDGET AND THAT PROGRAMS IDENTIFIED BEFORE, SUCH AS THE
9 HEALTHY FAMILIES PROGRAM AND THE NEW DIRECTION PROGRAM IN
10 ADDITION TO OTHERS THAT WE WILL LATER IDENTIFY, THE ADDRESS
11 ARE RESOLVED.

12
13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED,
14 BUT IF YOU HAVE IT IN WRITING, IT WILL BE PART OF THE RECORD.

15
16 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU. MAY I MAKE A CLOSING STATEMENT
17 PLEASE. I DO REQUEST THAT THIS PROPOSAL AND THE PROJECT WILL
18 BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA WITHIN THE DELIBERATIONS AND THAT WE
19 DO RECEIVE IN WRITING IN DETAIL THE APPROVAL OF THIS PROJECT
20 AND IF IT IS NOT APPROVED IN DETAIL, WHY THIS COUNTY WOULD NOT
21 PROVIDE AND REDIRECT FUNDS TO DIRECTLY SERVE THE AFRICAN-
22 AMERICAN POPULATION OF THIS COMMUNITY SO WE CAN MEET OUR
23 DIRECT NEEDS.



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WELL, NOW, THE BUDGET THAT WE'RE GOING TO
2 VOTE ON ONLY RELATES TO DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE OF THE COUNTY
3 OF LOS ANGELES. IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST FUNDS FROM ONE OF THOSE
4 DEPARTMENTS, YOU HAVE TO GO TO THOSE DEPARTMENTS. THE BUDGET
5 WE'RE CONSIDERING, AND SO HERE IT ONLY RELATES TO THE FUNDING
6 OF THE COUNTY.

7

8 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** AND WHAT WE'RE ASKING IS THAT THE WAY IT IS
9 NOW PROPOSED IN THAT BUDGET THAT FUNDS BE REDIRECTED FROM THE
10 WAY IT'S PROPOSED TO SERVE THIS PROJECT SO THAT WE ARE
11 PERTAINING TO HOW YOUR PROPOSALS ARE FUNDED NOW AND THAT
12 SHOULD BE DELIBERATED.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK YOU, YES THE
15 NEXT --

16

17 **WARREN WILLIAMS:** AND FINALLY WE DO OPPOSE THE WAY IT IS
18 PROPOSED NOW.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** MAY I BRIEFLY ADD ONE MORE SITUATION
23 FOR THE SHERIFFS?

24



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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE HAVE TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN WAITING.
2 MR. HAYES IS WAITING TO SPEAK AND YOU SPOKE BEFORE ON THE
3 BUDGET.

4

5 **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** I DID. I'LL MAKE IT VERY BRIEF,
6 MA'AM. WE WANT A COMMITTEE OF COMMUNITY AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR
7 SHERIFF AS WELL AS POLICE TO BE REPRIMANDED, HIRE, FIRING, AND
8 ET CETERA TO ASSIST THE COMMUNITY.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **RAHIMA ASIVIAN BRINKLEY:** I'LL JUST MAKE IT BRIEF THIS TIME,
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. HAYES AND THEN --

16

17 **BILLION CAMPBELL:** PRETTY MUCH WHAT SHE WAS SAYING, YOU KNOW,
18 IT'S KIND OF CRIMINAL AND IT IS REALLY SICK FOR THE SHERIFF TO
19 COME IN HERE --

20

21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME PLEASE, PLEASE STATE YOUR
22 NAME.

23

24 **BILLION CAMPBELL:** MY NAME IS BILLION CAMPBELL. IT'S KIND OF
25 SICK FOR THE SHERIFF TO COME IN HERE AND BE ASKING FOR MONEY



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1 WHEN OUT ON THE STREET LEVEL, THEY SPEND A LOT OF TIME BEING A
2 GANG THEMSELVES HARASSING PEOPLE. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU LOOK AT
3 PEOPLE DON'T HAVE JOBS BUT THEY GOT TO EAT AND FEED THEIR
4 FAMILY, YEAH, THEY GOT TO STEAL TO EAT. WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
5 FACT THAT ATTENTION IS NOT MADE UNTIL THE DRUGS GET INTO THE
6 HANDS OF THESE KIDS AND THEY'RE NOT GOING DOWN TO SAN PEDRO OR
7 WOODLAND HILLS ARRESTING THESE DRUG LORDS WHO ARE BRINGING THE
8 DRUGS INTO OUR COMMUNITY, IT DON'T MAKE NO SENSE FOR THE
9 SHERIFFS TO BE GETTING MORE MONEY. WHEN YOU LOOK AT COMMUNITY
10 COLLEGES ON THE VERGE OF GETTING CLOSED DOWN AND PROGRAMS
11 GETTING CLOSED DOWN IT DON'T MAKE NO SENSE TO GIVE THE
12 SHERIFFS MORE MONEY TO MAKE PEOPLE CRIMINALS, YOU KNOW, YOU
13 GOT TO GET FOR REAL, OTHERWISE YOU'RE GOING TO FORCE PEOPLE TO
14 LOOK FOR ALTERNATIVE METHOD.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MR. HAYES, AND THEN
17 JESSIE BARBOUR, DID SHE ALREADY SPEAK? PLEASE COME FORWARD.
18 AND I THINK MARVIN DARDEN SPOKE EARLIER, AND THAT'S -- MS.
19 BARBOUR, YOU AND MR. HAYES ARE THE FINAL SPEAKERS, EXCEPT THAT
20 WE HAVE -- OKAY. ALL RIGHT, LYNN PLAMBECK, YOU CAN COME
21 FORWARD. YOU'RE NOT ON BUDGET? ARE YOU ON THE BUDGET? WE
22 CONCLUDED THE PUBLIC COMMENT, LYNN, AND SOMEONE DID MAKE A
23 STATEMENT, I THINK. DO YOU HAVE A WRITTEN STATEMENT? ALL
24 RIGHT. COULD YOU MAKE A VERY BRIEF STATEMENT? IT'S NOT ON THE
25 BUDGET, THOUGH. RIGHT? IS IT ON A MATTER THAT'S SET NEXT WEEK?



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1 ALL RIGHT. MISS BARBOUR, YOU AND MR. HAYES GO FORWARD, AND
2 THEN LYNN WILL MAKE HER STATEMENT.

3

4 **TED HAYES:** NO YOU GO FIRST PLEASE.

5

6 **JESSIE BARBOUR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MY NAME IS JESSE BARBOUR,
7 MADAM CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS, I THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO
8 SPEAK TODAY. I'M A RETIRED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, AND I'VE
9 ALWAYS LOOKED AT THE BOARD PROCEEDINGS ON T.V. AND THIS IS MY
10 FIRST TIME TO BE HERE, SO I'M PRIVILEGED TO BE HERE TODAY. AS
11 A RETIRED SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST, I'M ALSO REPRESENTING S.O.A.R.,
12 SEEKING OTHER ALTERNATIVE RESOURCES, IT'S A NONPROFIT
13 ORGANIZATION IN LOS ANGELES, AND I GUESS THIS TIME IS THE BEST
14 TIME TO ASK FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION FOR OUR \$17 MILLION BUDGET
15 CONSIDERATION. I WORK WITH THE OTHER NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
16 IN LOS ANGELES, WHICH INCLUDE SERVICE UNLIMITED, PERFORMING
17 ARTS GROUP, CAMERON EUGENE JACKSON LIBRARY, THE BUSINESS
18 INCUBATION OF THE LIFE GROUP, AMERICAN THEATRICALS AND COLLINS
19 SCHOOL OF MUSIC. I'M IN SUPPORT OF WARREN WILLIAMS AND HIS
20 ORGANIZATION, BUT AT THIS TIME, WE ARE LOOKING FOR FUNDS TO
21 HELP THE SITUATION THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN. MY ORGANIZATION
22 IS LOCATED ONE MILE FROM THE FLORENCE AND NORMANDIE, WHERE THE
23 DENNY INCIDENT HAPPENED AND I'M IN FIVE MILES' RADIUS OF THE
24 HIGH SCHOOLS IN LOS ANGELES WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS
25 THOSE MOST IMPACTED BY A.I.D.S. AND OTHER HEALTH PROBLEMS AND



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1 ALSO LOW SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, POOR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, AND POOR
2 EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AMONG TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS.
3 STATISTICS THAT WE RECENTLY RECEIVED STATES THAT 14 TO 18-
4 YEAR-OLD YOUTH IN THE BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITY ARE THE NEWEST
5 EPIDEMIC FOR A.I.D.S., AND SO WE ARE VERY CONCERNED WITH THESE
6 SITUATIONS. WE HAVE A PARENTS ANONYMOUS GROUP, WE HAVE OTHER
7 AGENCIES THAT WORK WITH US TOGETHER IN OUR COMMUNITY, AND WE
8 WANT TO GET INTO THE SCHOOLS, WE WANT TO USE SOME EMPTY
9 BUILDINGS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THE COMMUNITY, WE WANT TO BE
10 ABLE TO WORK WITH THE -- WE ARE WORKING WITH FAITH-BASED
11 ORGANIZATIONS TO PUT SUPPORT GROUPS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE INTO
12 THE COMMUNITY, WE ARE WANTING TO CLEAN UP THE NEIGHBORHOOD BY
13 USING THE CHILDREN, GIVING THEM -- THE YOUTH, GIVING THEM JOBS
14 TO HELP TO CLEAN THE COMMUNITY, IF THEY HAVE THE JOBS TO CLEAN
15 THE COMMUNITY AND TO PREVENT VANDALISM, THEN THERE'S A SMALLER
16 RISK OF THEM BEING THE ONES THAT PERPETUATE THE VIOLENCE. SO
17 THEREFORE WE ARE ASKING YOU FOR A CONSIDERATION OF -- YOU
18 SUPPORT A PROPOSAL IN WRITING TO THIS --

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. THE PROPOSAL WOULD HAVE TO GO TO AN
21 APPROPRIATE AGENCY THAT FUNDS THOSE. THE COUNTY -- WE'RE ONLY
22 CONSIDERING THE COUNTY'S BUDGET, AND THE THINGS WE'RE TAKING
23 OUT ARE OF DEPARTMENTS' BUDGETS AND THINGS THAT THEY APPROVE
24 AND WE'RE NOT ADDING ANYTHING. WE'RE ONLY TAKING OUT BECAUSE



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1 UNFORTUNATELY WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH MONEY. MR. HAYES AND THEN
2 LYNN PLAMBECK.

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4 **TED HAYES:** MADAM PRESIDENT, YVONNE BRATHWAITE BURKE, ZEV
5 YAROSLAVSKY, MR. KNABE, MIKE ANTONOVICH, THE HONORABLE GLORIA
6 MOLINA. I'M TED HAYES, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE COALITION FOR
7 BLACKS' BEST INTEREST IN LOS ANGELES, MR. WARREN WILLIAMS'
8 COALITION ORGANIZATION. I'M GETTING A LITTLE MORE CLEAR
9 UNDERSTANDING WHAT YOU'RE SAYING ABOUT THE CUTS ACTUALLY TO
10 COUNTY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND NOT NECESSARILY THE
11 PROGRAMS, THE AGENCIES THAT ARE OUT THERE, THE N.G.O.S. I
12 DON'T ENVY YOUR POSITION AS THE SUPERVISORS. YOU HAVE A VERY
13 DIFFICULT JOB IN MAKING THESE CUTS AND OBVIOUSLY IT'S GOING TO
14 AFFECT THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT OF OUR COMMUNITY, PARTICULARLY
15 AS PEOPLE HAVE SAID EARLIER, THE BLACK AND THE BROWN
16 COMMUNITIES HERE IN LOS ANGELES. THERE'S A LOT OF CUTS IN THIS
17 COUNTRY, PERIOD. THE RICH ARE GETTING RICHER, THE POOR ARE
18 GETTING POORER AND THE WORKING MIDDLE CLASS HAVE BEEN
19 TRANSFORMED TO THE TAX SLAVES. AS A HOMELESS PERSON, I KNOW,
20 AND WORKED WITH THE HOMELESS AND LIVING WITH THEN THE
21 SITUATION DOWN HERE AT THE BOTTOM OF OUR SOCIETY IS GETTING
22 WORSE AND WORSE AND WORSE. I JUST ASK THAT YOU -- WHEN YOU GO
23 TO MAKE YOUR CUTS OR SHIFTS SURROUNDING YOUR BUDGET, THAT YOU
24 REALLY EXAMINE YOUR HEARTS AND CONSCIOUSNESS AND YOUR MORALS
25 AND YOUR PRIORITIES.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'LL DO THAT NOW.

3

4 **TED HAYES:** THAT'S ALL RIGHT. IT'S ALL RIGHT. [LAUGHTER]

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6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I HEARD YOU, BEND OUR HEARTS AND MINDS,
7 WE'RE DOING THAT.

8

9 **TED HAYES:** OKAY, AND A LOT OF THIS, FOLKS, HAS TO DO WITH
10 HONESTY. THERE'S A LOT OF WASTE, A LOT OF STEALING GOING ON. I
11 KNOW THAT WE CANNOT HAVE A BIG BROTHER SYSTEM WHERE SOMEONE IS
12 ALWAYS WATCHING OVER OUR SHOULDER AS TO WHETHER WE'RE BEING
13 HONEST OR NOT, BUT I FEEL THAT IF WE WOULD BE A BIT MORE
14 HONEST WHEN WE COME TO MAKING THESE CHANGES, I BELIEVE THAT
15 YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO HELP THE DEPARTMENTS TO BE MORE
16 EFFECTIVE IN GETTING RESOURCES INTO THE COMMUNITY AS THE
17 PEOPLE ARE ASKING. YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU'RE IN A STORE AND YOU
18 SEE SOMETHING THAT YOU WANT, YOU WANT IT REAL BAD, AND IF YOU
19 DON'T HAVE THE MONEY, AND IF NOBODY'S LOOKING, YOU TAKE IT,
20 BUT IF SOMEONE IS LOOKING, YOU DON'T TAKE IT. WELL IT'S SORT
21 OF THAT WAY I THINK IN THE GOVERNMENT, THAT YOU KNOW WHERE
22 THINGS REALLY ARE, YOU KNOW THE POLITICS BEHIND EVERYTHING
23 THAT'S HAPPENING, AND I'M JUST ASKING YOU, AGAIN I SAID, I
24 DON'T ENVY YOUR POSITION. I'M JUST ASKING THAT YOU REALLY
25 SOMEHOW LOOK FOR THAT ELEMENT THAT WOULD REALLY HELP TO



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1 PRESERVE THE CRIES AND THE CARES OF THE PEOPLE. THIS COUNTRY,
2 AND IT'S MY LAST STATEMENT, THIS COUNTRY IS NOT AN ISLAMIC
3 NATION, IT'S A JUDEO-CHRISTIAN SOCIETY, AND WHEN YOU READ THE
4 JUDEO-CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES, THE TORAH, YOU'LL FIND IT'S
5 CONSISTENTLY MENTIONED IN THERE, MAKE SURE GOVERNMENT
6 OFFICIALS, THAT YOU TAKE CARE OF THE INTERESTS OF THE POOR,
7 THE LEAST IN YOUR SOCIETY. IT CALLS UPON YOU AS THE GOVERNMENT
8 LEADERS TO DO SO, BECAUSE WE AS A PEOPLE OUT HERE WE'RE NOT
9 THAT STRONG. AS YOU CAN SEE, PEOPLE COMING TODAY, CRYING OUT
10 FOR THE ISSUES AROUND BLACK FOLKS. WHERE ARE THE MAJOR BLACK
11 LEADERS IN OUR COMMUNITY? I SEE ONE HERE DOING THE BEST THAT
12 SHE CAN WITH WHAT SHE'S GOT, BUT WHERE ARE THE REST OF THEM?
13 YOU SEE, YOU ARE OUR CHAMPIONS, AND IT'S UP TO YOU, SO WE'RE
14 JUST MAKING THAT APPEAL. AS THE YOUNG MAN SAID ABOUT WHAT'S
15 GOING ON WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, I DON'T KNOW ABOUT ALL
16 THE GANG BANG AND STUFF LIKE THAT, BUT HE'S RIGHT THOUGH, WHEN
17 THESE YOUNG BROTHERS THEY HAVE NOTHING TO DO, THEY'RE GOING TO
18 ACT UP. YOU WOULD DO THE SAME, SO JUST, FOR GOD'S SAKE, AND
19 FOR OUR COUNTRY'S SAKE, BEAR THAT IN MIND OR WE'RE GOING TO
20 SUFFER FOR IT.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **TED HAYES:** THANK YOU, MADAM.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** LYNN, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO BE
2 VERY BRIEF.

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4 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** I WILL BE VERY BRIEF. I JUST CAME DOWN FOR TWO
5 REASONS. FIRST TO THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE
6 TO US FROM THE DEVELOPER TO LET YOU KNOW THAT THEY'RE NOT ALL
7 THERE. WE'VE ONLY HAD A MONTH TO LOOK AT THEM BECAUSE THEY
8 WEREN'T AVAILABLE UNTIL THE BEGINNING OF MAY, AND WE HAVEN'T
9 BEEN ABLE -- SOME OF THEM HAVE BEEN OUT AT VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
10 AND WE REALLY THINK WE NEED AN EXTENSION OF TIME ON THAT.
11 THAT'S ONE. ALSO, SOME OF THEM AREN'T THERE, THEY HAVE NOT
12 BEEN PROVIDED AND WE'LL GIVE YOU A LIST OF THOSE. ALSO, I JUST
13 WANTED TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THIS SINGLE HEADLINE FROM
14 YESTERDAY, DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CLEAN-UP PLAN IS NOT
15 FEASIBLE, IT'S BECAUSE A REPORT WAS RELEASED ON MAY 7TH, AS A
16 WATER DISTRICT MEMBER I DID NOT RECEIVE THIS UNTIL MY BOARD
17 MEETING LAST WEEK. I DON'T KNOW WHY. BUT I THINK THIS BOARD
18 SHOULD REQUEST THIS REPORT. IT'S A REMEDIAL INVESTIGATION AND
19 TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM NUMBER ONE OF THE EASTERN SANTA CLARITA
20 RIVER SUB-BASIN STUDY. IT'S ABOUT THE GROUNDWATER POLLUTION
21 AND THE AMMONIUM PROCHLORIDE POLLUTION. THE MONITORING WELLS
22 ARE SHOWING POLLUTION AS HIGH AS 58,000 -- 58,000 PARTS PER
23 BILLION, NOT FOUR. THIS MEANS THAT THAT WATER IS NOT GOING TO
24 BE USEABLE. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE USEABLE, AND WE'RE NOT GOING
25 TO BE ABLE TO CLEAN IT UP AND AS QUICKLY AS THOSE FOLKS HAVE



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1 BEEN TELLING YOU. AND I KEEP SAYING THIS TO YOU, AND I'M JUST
2 -- I'M SO WORRIED THAT WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN OUR COMMUNITY
3 IS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO APPROVE ALL THIS
4 DEVELOPMENT AND WE ARE GOING TO BE FORCED TO USE POLLUTED
5 WATER BECAUSE THERE'S NOT GOING TO BE ANY OTHER WATER SOURCE.
6 SO I'M PLEADING WITH YOU TO LOOK AT THIS INFORMATION BEFORE
7 THIS PROJECT IS APPROVED AND BEFORE THIS PROJECT IS BROUGHT TO
8 HEARING.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHERE IS THAT INFORMATION? WHERE DOES THAT
11 COME FROM?

12

13 **LYNN PLAMBECK:** IT CAME FROM THE ARMY CORPS AND CASTAIC LAKE
14 WATER AGENCY.

15

16 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHEN DID YOU GET IT?

17

18 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** I GOT IT AT MY BOARD MEETING ON THURSDAY AND
19 I'M GOING TO, BEFORE I LEAVE DOWNTOWN LOS ANGELES, GOING TO
20 MAKE COPIES AND I CAN'T COPY THE WHOLE REPORT, BUT I'LL COPY
21 THE COVER PAGE AND THE STATEMENT WHERE IT SAYS THE MONITORING
22 WELLS -- AND THESE AREN'T THE SUPPLY WELLS YET, BUT THIS IS
23 THE SOURCE OF THE POLLUTION, SO IF YOU PUMP FROM THE SUPPLY
24 WELLS, YOU'RE GOING TO BE MOVING POLLUTION INTO THEM. THIS
25 IDEA THAT THEY'RER THEY'RE GOING TO CONTINUE --



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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN YOU JUST MAKE SURE THAT YOU MAKE A COPY
3 OF WHATEVER YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A COPY AND GET IT TO MY
4 OFFICE?

5

6 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** YES, I'LL DO THAT.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. GOOD, OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

9

10 **LYNNE PLAMBECK:** THANK YOU, THAT'S ALL I WANTED TO SAY.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NOW, THE COUNTY COUNSEL, AUDITOR CONTROLLER
13 AND C.A.O. ARE GOING TO MAKE A PRESENTATION.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHILE THEY'RE COMING UP FOR NEXT WEEK'S
16 EXECUTIVE SESSION, COULD WE HAVE THE -- THERE WAS A COURT
17 ORDER ON THE WAYSIDE STATION, AND I UNDERSTAND THERE'S COUNTY
18 COUNSEL THAT HAS A DIFFERENT OPINION, COULD WE DISCUSS THAT
19 AND IF WE CAN DISCUSS IT PUBLICLY THEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION
20 NEXT TUESDAY.

21

22 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** THERE IS A LAWSUIT, WE'LL SCHEDULE IT.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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1 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHO'S GOING TO START? ARE YOU GOING TO
2 START, MR. JANSSEN OR?

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4 **C.A.O. JANSSEN:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISORS, I BELIEVE THIS WAS A
5 MOTION -- I DON'T HAVE IT IN FRONT OF ME -- FROM SUPERVISOR
6 MOLINA. WE HAVE SUBMITTED A COUPLE OF DIFFERENT DOCUMENTS IN
7 RESPONSE TO THAT MOTION. ONE, ON MAY THE 13TH, TALKING ABOUT
8 THE RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEM AND WHERE WE ARE IN THE
9 DEVELOPMENT OF THAT SYSTEM, AND THE STATUS, COST, ET CETERA.
10 SECONDLY, COUNTY COUNSEL HAS SUBMITTED JUST TODAY DISCUSSION
11 OF THE ACTUAL COSTS OF LITIGATION, JUDGMENTS, ET CETERA, FOR
12 LAST YEAR, CURRENT YEAR, AND ANTICIPATED FOR NEXT YEAR, AND
13 INDICATED IN THERE THAT REALLY, UNTIL THE RIM SYSTEM IS IN
14 OPERATION, WHICH WE THINK NOW WILL BE IN JULY AND AUGUST
15 WORKING WITH THE AUDITOR, THEN WE'LL HAVE GOOD TRACKING ACTUAL
16 DATA ON HOW MUCH WE'RE SPENDING REALTIME ON LITIGATION COSTS
17 IN THE COUNTY RIGHT, AND THEN THE AUDITOR ALSO HAS BEEN
18 INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS. THE OTHER IS THAT \$3.5
19 MILLION HAS BEEN SET ASIDE THIS YEAR IN PROVISIONAL FINANCING
20 WITH THE HOPE, EXPECTATION THAT WE CAN SAVE THAT MUCH MONEY IN
21 LITIGATION COSTS. THIS YEAR OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT WE KEEP
22 THAT MONEY IN THROUGH THE END OF THE FISCAL YEAR, AND MR.
23 PELLMAN CAN TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHERE WE ARE ON THAT.

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1 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** YEAH AS MY REPORT, MADAM CHAIR, INDICATED, AS
2 PART OF THE BUDGETARY PROCESS, THE JUDGMENTS AND DAMAGES
3 BUDGET HAS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE C.A.O. AS A PROPOSAL IN
4 FEBRUARY, AND AS THE MONTHS WEAR ON, AND AS WE BECOME AWARE OF
5 ADDITIONAL LAWSUITS AND AS WE BECOME AWARE OF CHANGES IN THE
6 STATUS OF LAWSUITS, IT BECOMES NECESSARY AS WE APPROACH THE
7 TIME FOR THE BUDGET TO BE ACTUALLY ADOPTED TO MAKE SOME
8 NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS. THAT'S WHAT HAPPENED WITH RESPECT TO
9 THE PREVIOUS ALMOST \$3-1/2 MILLION, AND BECAUSE OF THE
10 CATCHING UP OF THE INFORMATION AS WE GO THROUGH AND WE FARE
11 BETTER IN SOME LAWSUITS THAN WE ANTICIPATED, AND WE DON'T DO
12 AS WELL IN SOME LAWSUITS AS WE ANTICIPATED. THIS NUMBER NEEDS
13 TO BE CONSTANTLY READJUSTED. AS I INDICATED IN THE MEMO THIS
14 MORNING, THE 3.48 REALLY IS A REFLECTION OF ANTICIPATED
15 EXPENDITURES, SOME OF WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO AVOID THROUGH
16 WINNING SOME PRETRIAL MOTIONS, ONE CASE WHERE WE WERE ABLE TO
17 NEGOTIATE FOR OUR ATTORNEY'S FEES TO BE REPAID, AND IN OTHER
18 CIRCUMSTANCES, THE MAJORITY OF CASES THAT HAD ADJUSTED THIS
19 WERE CASES -- 23 DIFFERENT ITEMS WHERE WE EITHER SPENT MORE OR
20 HADN'T SPENT MORE, BUT WE HAVE ONE MAJOR PIECE OF LITIGATION
21 THAT'S STILL ONGOING THAT'S IN TRIAL CURRENTLY, AND FOR THAT
22 REASON, WE WOULD REQUEST THAT THAT MONEY NOT BE MADE
23 UNAVAILABLE YET FOR THAT PARTICULAR PURPOSE. I HAVE DISCUSSED
24 WITH SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S STAFF WITH RESPECT TO THE GOAL FOR 5%
25 REDUCTION LITIGATION COST. GARY MILLER HAS BEEN UNDERTAKING ON



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1 A REGULAR BASIS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH RESPECT TO A
2 NUMBER OF DIFFERENT PANELS OF LAW FIRMS WITH RESPECT TO THEIR
3 CASES AS THEY PROGRESS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT JUST AS THERE WAS
4 THIS REQUEST FOR THIS PROVISIONAL FINANCING UNIT OF 3.5 THIS
5 LAST YEAR, THAT WE TAKE 5%, APPROXIMATELY, FOR EXAMPLE, OF THE
6 FUNDS THAT WERE TO BE BUDGETED FOR NEXT YEAR, AND PUT THAT
7 INTO A SIMILAR DESIGNATION SO THAT WE GO THROUGH THIS EXERCISE
8 NEXT YEAR WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF MR. ARMFIELD, THE RISK
9 MANAGER, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE LITIGATION COST MANAGER.
10 WE'LL SEE IF WE CAN PUT THAT MONEY ASIDE, SORT OF OUT OF REACH
11 AND GO THROUGH THE PROCESS OF SEEING HOW MUCH WE CAN SAVE.
12 PERHAPS THAT MUCH AND MORE IN THE NEXT YEAR.

13

14 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** I THINK YOU'VE ALL MET THIS MORNING THE
15 INDIVIDUAL I'VE RECOMMENDED FOR THE POSITION OF LITIGATION
16 COST MANAGER, AND HE'S INDICATED HE WOULD BE ABLE TO START
17 NEXT WEEK.

18

19 **SUP. MOLINA:** MADAM CHAIR, ARE YOU CHAIRING THIS? IF I COULD
20 ASK A COUPLE FOLLOW-UP. FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK YOU, BILL,
21 FOR AGREEING TO DO THAT. I THINK THAT'S A GOOD IDEA. I THINK
22 THAT'S A GOOD WAY TO DEAL WITH IT. I DID HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
23 AND I'M GLAD THAT WE'VE MOVED FORWARD ON THE COST LITIGATION
24 MANAGER AND I HAD A DISCUSSION WITH HIM THIS MORNING AS WELL
25 AS WITH GARY. THERE'S A LOT OF PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE IN



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1 THIS WHOLE AREA, YET, YOU KNOW, AGAIN, I THINK IT SHOULD BE
2 FASTER, QUICKER, AND MORE IMMEDIATE. I DID TALK TO THEM ABOUT
3 THE FACT THAT I THINK EVERY, YOU KNOW, WHEN WE PUT IN THIS
4 REQUEST ABOUT FINDING OUT WHAT THE COSTS WERE, I MEAN, ON THE
5 DATE THAT IT'S DUE, SORT OF INAPPROPRIATE TO SAY, "WELL, GEE,
6 THE COMPUTER'S NOT READY YET." WELL I'M NOT GOING TO BELABOR
7 IT, I JUST DON'T THINK THAT'S AN ANSWER. I THINK ANY LAWYER AT
8 ANY TIME SHOULD KNOW WHAT THE COSTS ARE, AND WHETHER YOU USE
9 POST-ITS OR, YOU KNOW, A LEGAL PAD, YOU CAN WALK AROUND AND
10 GET AN ESTIMATE FOR THE MOST PART OF WHAT THE COSTS ARE, SO
11 IT'S NOT A HARD THING TO DO. BUT SINCE YOU DIDN'T DO THAT AND
12 YOU DON'T HAVE THE NUMBER AND WE HAVE THE EXCUSE THAT THE
13 COMPUTER SYSTEM IS NOT UP, COULD I GET A MORE DEFINITE RECORD
14 -- WELL, NOT RIGHT THIS MOMENT, I THINK WE NEED A REALISTIC
15 TIME LINE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS COMPUTER SYSTEM. I
16 THINK WE ALSO NEED TO KNOW WHEN YOU SAY -- WHEN WE SAY
17 IMPLEMENTATION BECAUSE LIKE IN MOST COMPUTER SYSTEMS, THERE
18 ARE ALWAYS GLITCHES, THERE'S ALWAYS PROBLEMS, THERE'S ALWAYS
19 SLOWDOWNS, AND THEN THERE'S THE LEARNING CURVE AND THEN THERE
20 IS THE SUPERVISION AND THE MONITORING OF EMPLOYEES INPUTTING
21 WHAT'S SUPPOSED TO BE IN THERE. I MEAN IT'S NOT GOING TO
22 PRODUCE ANYTHING IF THE LAWYERS DON'T LEARN HOW TO DO IT, SO
23 THERE'S A CULTURE THAT HAS TO START WORKING THERE, AND WHILE I
24 DON'T NEED IT RIGHT THIS MOMENT, I'D APPRECIATE IT IF
25 SOMEWHERE IN YOUR OPERATION THEY COULD GET ME A TIME FRAME. I



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1 DON'T KNOW IF IT'S THE I.T. GUY OR WHOEVER DOES THIS THAT CAN
2 GIVE US A TIME FRAME OF WHEN THAT COMPUTER SYSTEM'S GOING TO
3 BE IN PLACE AND WHEN THE PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE TRAINED TO USE
4 IT AND HOW THEY'RE GOING TO USE IT, AND WHEN WE SHOULD BE ABLE
5 TO START REVIEWING OR LOOKING AT SOME OF THE AVAILABLE DATA.
6 AND I THINK THE COST LITIGATION MANAGER, FROM THE SMALL
7 DISCUSSION THAT I HAD WITH HIM, I THINK UNDERSTANDS HOW THAT
8 DATA WILL BE USED, AND I THINK IT'LL BE HELPFUL TO EVERYONE
9 AND BEGIN THE PROCESS OF TRYING TO DO ASSESSMENTS EARLIER ON
10 AND EVALUATIONS AND LOOK AT COSTS AS COMPARED TO WHAT WE'RE
11 TRYING TO PURSUE IN SOME OF THESE LAWSUITS OR EVEN WHAT WE'RE
12 TRYING TO DEFEND IN SOME OF THESE LAWSUITS. SO I WOULD
13 APPRECIATE THAT AND, LIKE I SAID, AND I'M GOING TO THANK YOU
14 FOR AGREEING TO DO THE 5% AND KIND OF PUT IT IN THAT SPECIAL
15 FUND AND SEE IF IN FACT YOU CAN ACHIEVE THAT GOAL. I THINK
16 IT'LL BE HELPFUL. AND JUST FINALLY, I GUESS, IT'S THE -- I
17 THINK ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS, I HOPE, HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED
18 AND IMPLEMENTED WITH REGARD TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE
19 AUDITOR MADE LAST YEAR.

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21 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER:** WE'RE MOVING FORWARD ON
22 THAT, SUPERVISOR, BEGINNING JULY 1ST, WE WILL START POSTING TO
23 THAT NEW ACCOUNTING STRUCTURE TO GIVE YOU THE INFORMATION.

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1 **SUP. MOLINA:** AND YOU THINK THAT THAT'S GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE
2 ENOUGH AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE PART OF THAT WHOLE REVIEW.

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4 **J. TYLER MCCAULEY:** OH YES. WE'RE WORKING VERY CAREFULLY WITH
5 BOTH THE COUNTY COUNSEL AND C.A.O. ON THAT.

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7 **SUP. MOLINA:** ALL RIGHT. WELL, AGAIN, LIKE I SAID, I JUST THINK
8 THAT, YOU KNOW, ON THE DAY THAT IT'S DUE, IT'S NOT A GOOD TIME
9 TO SAY, "MY DOG ATE THE HOMEWORK," BECAUSE BASICALLY THAT'S
10 THE ANSWER I GOT.

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12 **COUNSEL PELLMAN:** WELL I -- I HAD PROVIDED A DRAFT TO YOUR
13 STAFF OF THE FIGURES LAST WEEK WHILE WE WERE STILL PUTTING THE
14 NARRATIVE TOGETHER AND I GOT THE BREAKDOWN AS TO THE 3.45.

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16 **SUP. MOLINA:** RIGHT I UNDERSTAND, AND WE HAVE IT HERE, BUT
17 AGAIN, I'M HOPEFUL THAT WE CAN GET MORE EXACT THAN THAT. BUT
18 IF WE CAN GET SOME OUTLINE OF WHERE WE ARE AND HOW WE'RE GOING
19 TO GET THIS COMPUTER SYSTEM, IT'S SUPPOSED TO BE THE END-ALL,
20 LET'S SEE, BUT I THINK THAT THE BIGGER ISSUE IS GOING TO BE
21 THE CULTURE THAT MANY OF THESE LAWYERS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO
22 WORK WITH. IT'S NOT AN OPEN-ENDED BUDGET, IT'S AND EVERY CASE
23 SHOULD BE ANALYZED AS TO WHAT EXTENT. WHILE I UNDERSTAND THERE
24 MAY BE TIMES WHEN WE WANT TO MAKE A POINT AND WE WOULD SPEND
25 MORE OR PUT UP WITH DEFENSE OR -- I UNDERSTAND ALL THAT, BUT I



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1 THINK WE ALL NEED TO HAVE A BETTER APPRECIATION OF WHAT THE
2 LITIGATION COSTS ARE GOING ON OVERALL.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. IF THERE IS NOTHING FURTHER I
5 MOVE THAT THE BOARD RECEIVE IN FILE AND TAKE UNDER ADVISEMENT
6 VARIOUS SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS AND COMMENTS MADE DURING
7 THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING COMMENCING MAY 14TH 2003. AND MAKE A
8 FINDING THERE, KNOWS THE PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING IS GIVEN IN
9 ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 29801 OF THE GOVERNMENT CODE.
10 INCENDIARIES COMMENCE ON THE 14TH DAY OF MAY 2003 PURSUANT TO
11 SAID NOTICE AND AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 29081 OF THE GOVERNMENT
12 CODE. I ALSO MOVE THAT THE BOARD CLOSE THE PUBLIC BUDGET
13 HEARINGS FOR PURPOSE OF ORAL TESTIMONY, FINDING THAT THERE ARE
14 NO PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE
15 HEARD, BUT TO ALLOW MAXIMUM PUBLIC INPUT, PERMIT ADDITIONAL
16 WRITTEN TESTIMONY, AND REQUEST TO BE FILED THROUGH THE CLOSE
17 OF BUSINESS FRIDAY, MAY 23RD, 2003. I FURTHER MOVE TO
18 RECONFIRM THAT BUDGET DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN ON MONDAY, JUNE
19 23RD, 2003, AT 9:30 A.M. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA.
20 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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22 **CLERK VARONA-LUKENS:** AND THEN FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF
23 TODAY'S DATE FOR MAY 20TH, IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT
24 REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF
25 SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS



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1 CS-1 AND CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING
2 EXISTING LITIGATION. ITEM CS-3, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
3 REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO LITIGATION, ONE CASE. ITEM
4 CS-4, CONSIDERATION OF DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE
5 EVALUATIONS, AND ITEM CS-5, CONFERENCE WITH THE LABOR
6 NEGOTIATORS DAVID E. JANSSEN AND DESIGNATED STAFF AS INDICATED
7 ON THE POSTED AGENDA AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. THE NEXT MEETING
8 OF THE BOARD IS TUESDAY, MAY 27TH, AT 1:00 P.M. THANK YOU.

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1 [NOTICE OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION,

2 TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2003.]

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4 There was no reportable action as a result of today's closed
5 session.

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